

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Lost Hour

EARLY next Sunday morning we must put our clocks back one hour and revert to Standard Time for nearly five months and so deprive ourselves of an extra hour of daylight when we need it most after our day's work is ended. We are obliged to do so by the process of an Order in Council authorised by the Summer Time Ordinance. Of course we will obey and conform to the law but one wonders if the instruction is necessary as it is certainly not desirable. The decree authorising Summer Time in Hongkong was introduced just before the last war and was possibly based on the findings of the United Kingdom's Select Committee of 1914. According to the evidence of the day, the new scheme would be beneficial to the health of the community and result in a reduction of domestic and commercial expenditure on artificial light. Many people in Britain were passionately opposed to this daylight saving scheme. One lady, in leaving £600 for the repair of a parish church, went so far as to stipulate in her will that the legacy would be forfeit if services were not conducted "at the true time of the sun." There was also strong opposition in Hongkong when the scheme was first broached and on many later occasions, but to no avail. Summer Time—like the poor—is still with us. A strong point in Hongkong against Summer Time is that the Colony, by its geographical position, saves not one hour of daylight but one hour and twenty-three minutes. However, the same arguments apply now as they did in 1914 (and 1939) so surely if we require the benefit of the extra daylight in summer, we need it more now that the winter months are approaching. By reverting to Standard Time all classes, whether they have a knock-up at the various cricket clubs or kick a ball around at the Southern Playground, will be the losers as why not the Summer Time argument for the winter span?

A New Serial Tomorrow

A new serial starts in the China Mail tomorrow. It is an unusual adventure story about a young British family who spent 250 days travelling the wilds of Africa in a van converted into a home.

The area inside the van was not much bigger than a decent-sized hen's hut but SPENCER CHAPMAN, the author, relished adventure and small inconveniences did not trouble him. He wrote the bestseller "The Jungle is Neutral". Now he gives you "AND THE FAMILY CAME TOO".

"Sour words about sweet subjects" is another feature to watch out for in this Saturday's Mail. Hugh Dundas will tell you how British candles have captured the American market.

"Would some power the Good God give us to see ourselves as others see us," said Burns. Tomorrow's Mail won't quite give you that power but Shirley Love tells you how you can learn to look at yourself as an audience looks at an actress. William Barclay, veteran Parliamentary reporter asks DID LLOYD GEORGE INFLUENCE CHURCHILL? While Leonard

The World's strangest stories continue this week with Bill McGowan writing on the butcher's boy who reached quiredom by way of the prize ring. "Honour At Stake" ends this week with Edgar Lustgarten telling you of the man who was saved from ruin by a mis-spelt word in a letter.

Mosley says English film directors are afraid of women stars. "These are just some of the top-line features you will find in tomorrow's Mail. Close words, book and film reviews, Glean, an enlarged week-end Women's section, local and overseas pictures and the latest news of the day—in all, 20 pages of the world's best reading.

UNIONS DECIDE:

Employers' Peace Offer Rejected BUT END IN SIGHT

London, Oct. 28. Leaders of the 43,000 striking dock workers tonight decided to continue Britain's paralysing dock strike until concessions made today by London employers are extended throughout the country.

This was their verdict after a seven-hour study of a "peace offer" by the London Port Employers at talks organised during the day by the Ministry of Labour.

The decision of the strike leaders means that the stoppage now tying up 346 vessels in eight ports will continue—although the end appears to be in sight.

The "peace offer" was made by the London Port Employers to leaders of the chief union involved, the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers. The "back to work" formula agreed by the London employers at these talks was that normal working, including "reasonable overtime," would be resumed next Monday.

It would be accompanied by negotiation on practical arrangements for overtime—one of the key issues of the strike. Meanwhile, employers would not report men who refused to work overtime "in order that the discussions could proceed in a spirit of goodwill."

ASSURANCES SOUGHT
This formula was considered by the leaders of the Stevedores Union and of other unions involved at a meeting which ended late tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at one stage to allow Mr. Dick Barrett, Secretary of the Stevedores Union, to seek assurances from the Port Employers that there would be no "victimisation" after a return to work and that the formula would be applied on a national basis.

He sought these assurances through a Ministry of Labour Conciliation Officer who later told him that the assurances "were not forthcoming" from the employers.

A statement from the Labour Ministry, issued after the meeting, said provincial employers had informed Mr. Barrett that they could not consider extending the London formula to other ports because the overtime dispute did not arise in provincial ports.

Informants predicted that the provincial employers might change their attitude tomorrow.

TOUGH COCKNEY

Mr. Barrett, small, tough Cockney, then returned to his fellow strike leaders who voted

to continue the strike until their requests were met.

Later Mr. Barrett told reporters: "If a formula could be adopted by the National Employers, we feel sure it would bring peace to the industry and satisfaction to the men in all the ports."

Late tonight, industrial circles remained optimistic that the strike—the worst in a generation—will be settled within the next day or so.

CABINET MEETING

Tonight's key conference of strike leaders was attended by delegates from Britain's eight strike bound ports in which exports and imports worth at least £270 million are at a standstill. It was being followed by a special meeting of Sir Winston Churchill's Cabinet to review latest reports on the situation.

The Cabinet has had plans ready for more than a fortnight to use servicemen to move essential cargoes in the docks and to protect public services.

It has persistently postponed this action in the hope of a settlement and because of fears of possible "sympathy" strikes.

There was no change today in a second dock strike involving 8,000 ship repair workers who have tied up 100 ships for more than a month in a separate dispute.—Reuter & United Press.

Ike, Adenauer Say No To Molotov Plan

Washington, Oct. 28.

President Eisenhower and Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, today cold-shouldered Russia's call for new four-power talks on Germany.

In a joint communique after a White House conference, they dismissed last week's Soviet note proposing a new get-together on the German question as containing nothing new.

It was America's first formal comment on the note handed to the British, American and French Ambassadors in Moscow by Mr. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, as nine nations meeting in Paris signed pacts to grant sovereignty and the right to return to Germany.

Observers here interpreted today's reference to mean that the United States stand by the position taken by herself, Britain and France to earlier representations by Mr. Molotov of these proposals.

"This is that the Western Big Three will not agree to another conference with the Soviet Union on Germany until Russia agrees to allow genuinely free, internationally supervised elections for all Germany and signature of an Atlantic state treaty," China Mail Special.

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New Flag Officer

London, Oct. 29.

The appointment of Rear Admiral R. E. Elkins as Flag Officer, Commanding the Fifth Cruiser Squadron and Flag Officer, second-in-command, Far East Station, was announced here today.

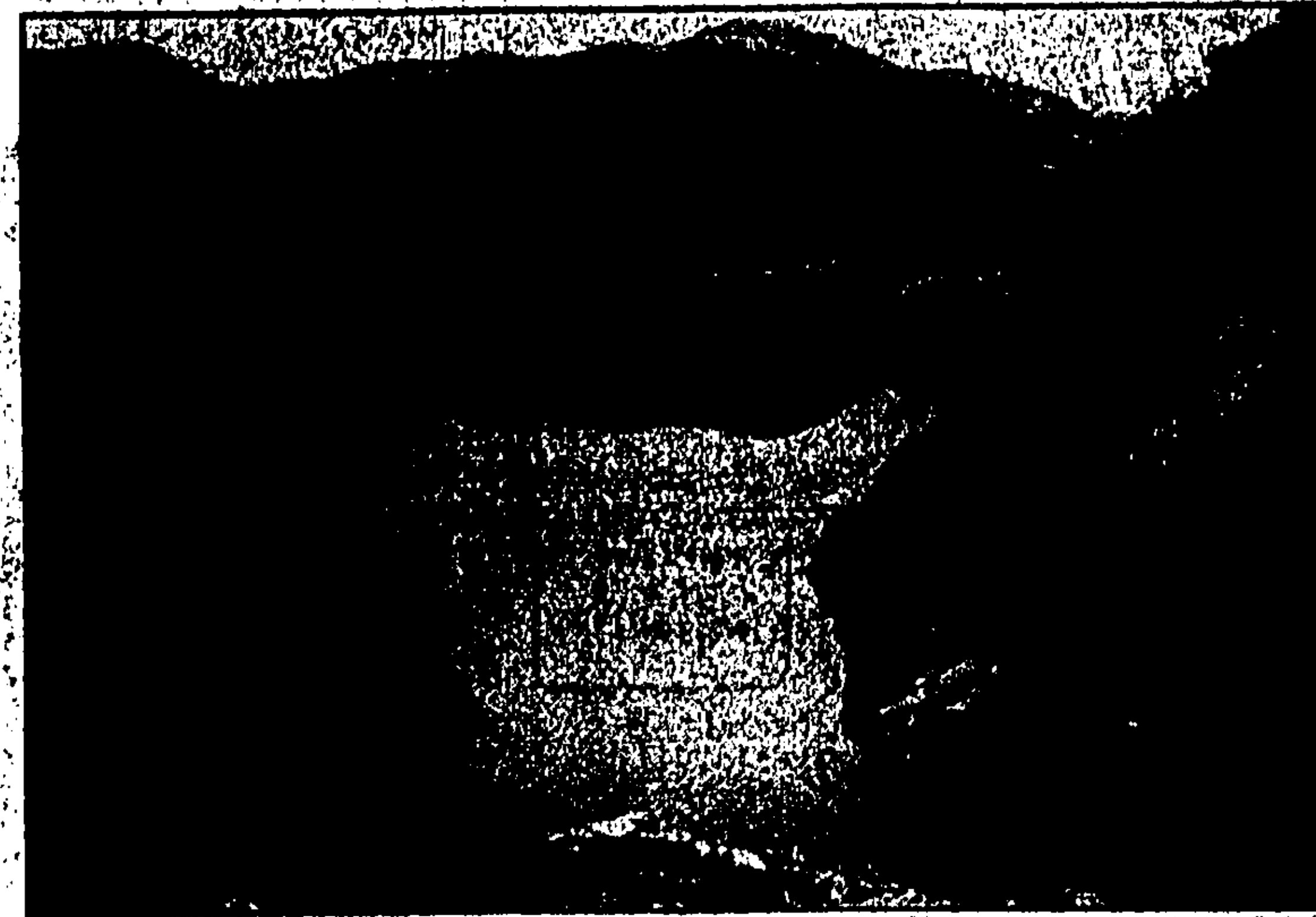
Rear Admiral Elkins, 51, is a former speciality. He succeeded Admiral G. V. Gifford, who was promoted to Vice Admiral.

DOCK STRIKE TO CONTINUE

Just A Trickle Coming Through—and the Water Level is going DOWN!



These three pictures taken by our Staff Photographer yesterday show (above) water trickling into Taitan reservoir while the top picture on the right shows how the water level is sinking in the reservoir. A thin white line which can be seen in the picture marks the peak level last month. The picture below shows how the water level is sinking at the Kowloon reservoir. A black border just above the water line shows how much water has been used in the last month.



Nationalists Will Last On Formosa—Grantham

San Francisco, Oct. 28. The Governor of Hongkong, Sir Alexander Grantham, said today "short of World War III" the Nationalists will "last on Formosa."

He had been asked at a press conference, marking the beginning of his visit to San Francisco, how he felt about the stability of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist regime.

For that reason, he said, the West should work for closer contact with Communist China in order to prove to it "we are not aggressors."

"Red China's leaders are appealingly ignorant of U.S. intentions; they really think this country is an aggressor," he said.

NO INDICATIONS

Though Sir Alexander said there were "no firm indications of a Russian-Red Chinese split," he believed in its inevitability.

"It is inconceivable in the long run that an ancient civilisation can be dominated by the barbarian theories of Marx, Lenin and Engels. It is an insult to their culture," he said.

Members of the Chinese Press asked Sir Alexander about the amount of encouragement Chinese residents of Hongkong were given to participate in the Colony's rule.

He said they had been reluctant to vote and enter into public services.

LOW PAY THE REASON?

"I have publicly deplored the fact that not more Chinese are coming forward," he said. He suggested that the low pay of government jobs might be the reason.

"Hongkong has a pretty good reputation," Sir Alexander said, and was definitely defensible against any Communist attack.

He admitted a surprise attack would engulf the Colony, but he added that its defences would be made very strong if an invasion appeared imminent.

"And you always have a warning," he added.

EASY PREY

He said Americans and others think Hongkong would be easy prey for the Communists because the Colony fell in 18 days to the Japanese in World War II.

"But we have command of the sea and air around Hongkong now," he continued, and this was not the case in 1941.

Replying to a reporter's question about the effect on Hongkong of the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the South China Sea, Sir Alexander said it possibly was an "indirect deterrent" to Chinese aggression.

Sir Alexander said his U.S. speaking tour would begin shortly. He would be accompanied by his wife and two children. He would be accompanied by his wife and two children.

Tories Hold Aldershot

London, Oct. 29.

The Conservative Party retained its Parliamentary seat in a by-election at Aldershot yesterday.

The result, declared early today, was:

Sir Eric Errington (Conservative) 19,108

Mr. William Cuthbertson (Labour) 12,701

Conservative majority 6,407

The contest was caused by the elevation of Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, former Colonial Secretary, to the Peerage which meant he could no longer sit in the House of Commons.

Mr. Lyttelton had on 8,549 majority at the 1951 general election.

The state of parties in the 625-seat House of Commons now becomes as follows: Conservatives and Allies 320; Labour 222; Liberals six; Irish Nationalists two; Irish Labour one; vacant seats four.—Reuter.

No Boxing Yet For Prince Charles

London, Oct. 28.

Buckingham Palace said tonight Prince Charles was definitely too young to take boxing lessons right away, but "you never can tell what will happen in two or three years."

A Palace spokesman said the Prince, who will be six years old on November 14, was simply too small and young to take part in such a vigorous sport right now.

It was reported earlier this month he would begin sparring shortly with a six-year-old American boy, Stephen Butte of Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, who is the son of Peter Butte, Second Secretary at the American Embassy.

The Palace spokesman said Prince Charles was "too young to be boxing" and "too small to be boxing."

Government's Approach To Tram Union

The Commissioner of Labour, the Hon. R.O.C. Hawkins, said this morning he had communicated to the Tramway Workers' Union the text of the letter which he received yesterday from the Chairman of the Hongkong Tramways Limited.

This letter stated the Company would welcome the appointment by Government of an impartial Tribunal to enquire into and report to Government on the circumstances leading to the present agitation on the part of the Hongkong Tramway Workers' Union, including the circumstances under which recognition of the union was withdrawn in 1939 and the questions relating to the welfare and treatment of employees.

In a covering letter addressed to the Chairman of the Tramway Workers' Union, the Commissioner of Labour inquired whether the Union would also welcome the appointment of a commission to conduct an inquiry into the circumstances leading to the present agitation on the part of the Hongkong Tramway Workers' Union, including the circumstances under which recognition of the union was withdrawn in 1939 and the questions relating to the welfare and treatment of employees.

The Commissioner has informed Government of this latest development in the four-month-old dispute but, pending "a final" decision, no further action can be taken for the moment, still he has received the Union's reply.

To Be Dissolved

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Cyprus To Stay British

London, Oct. 28. Britain will not relinquish her sovereignty over Cyprus at present, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, said in a stormy session of the House of Commons today.

He added that Britain would preserve with the new constitution for the island, rejected by the Cypriot "enosis" (union with Greece) Movement.

"In the present troubled state of the world, we can not foresee a time when a relinquishment of our sovereignty over Cyprus would be compatible with our responsibilities for security in the Middle East."—France-Press.

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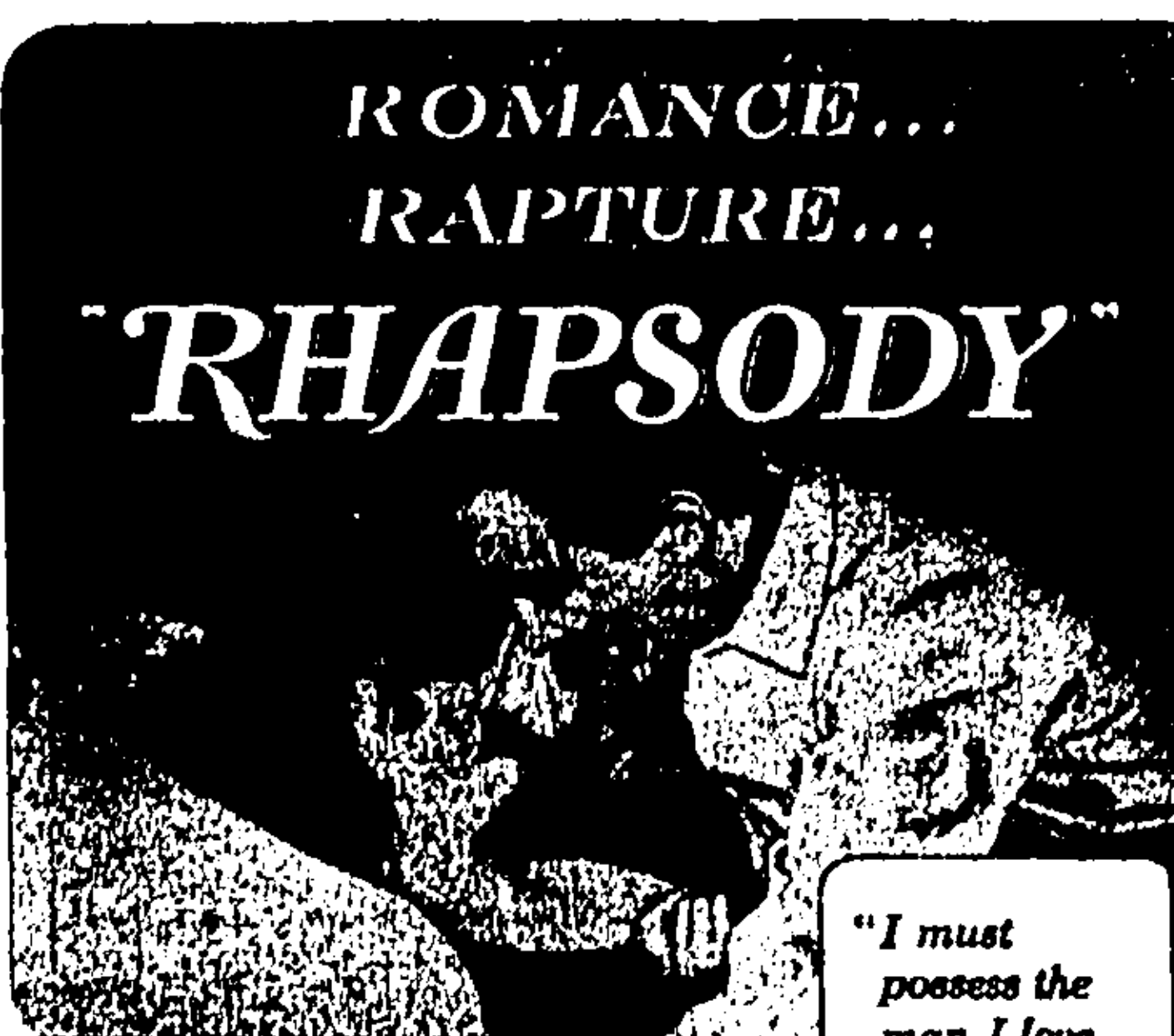
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Washington, Oct. 28.

Egyptian officials said today that their Government has "absolutely no intention" of reaching any settlement with Israel "except in full unanimity with the other Arab states."

This was their reaction to reports appearing in Tel-Aviv papers that Egypt was showing indications of willingness to reach a settlement with Israel by exchanging the Gaza strip for a corridor across Israel linking Egypt and Jordan.

The officials denied that Egyptian officials had made even "informal" suggestions to the United States authorities concerning a possibility of a separate deal with Israel.

These Egyptian sources said that their country's position was firmly based on the principle that a settlement with Israel can be achieved only after the Israeli Government (1) abides by United Nations resolutions concerning repatriation of refugees

and compensation; (2) internationalisation of Jerusalem; and (3) partition of Palestine.

PROPAGANDA

They contended that any reports of Egyptian willingness to settle with Israel without the concurrence of other Arab States were "propaganda" put out by Israeli sources aiming at splitting the Arab bloc.

American officials commenting on the reported indication of Egyptian willingness to consider a separate Israeli settlement, said that the articles appeared to be "pure speculation."

They said they knew of no approach to the American authorities by Egyptian officials on the subject.

The United States authorities added that it was true that they had detected increasing signs of some willingness on the parts of both Israel and Egypt to consider a possible solution of the Arab-Israeli dispute, but that neither side had made anything remotely resembling an official proposal.

They expressed hope, however, that the possibility of "co-operation" by both countries might improve within the "foreseeable future" which they did not define.

The question of whether or not the Administration of President Eisenhower has favoured the Arabs over the Israelis in the matter of economic and military aid has been injected into the domestic political campaign in the United States.

The feeling resulting from this has made it unlikely that the State Department will be able to consider any positive approach to Middle East problems until the election fever has subsided.

AID CHARGES

Some Zionists and some Democratic Congressional candidates have charged that the United States is favouring the Arabs over Israel in the matter of economic and military aid and that this will eventually result in Arab "aggression" against Israel.

The subject is of political importance in the United States because of the large numbers of Jewish voters concentrated in some sections.

Egyptian and other Arab sources retort that it is unrealistic to expect the United States to give the same amount of aid to Israel, with its 2,000,000 population, as it gives to the Arab States with a total population of about 45,000,000. They also flatly deny that they have any intentions of "aggression" against Israel.

The position of the Administration is that it is maintaining a balanced policy of aid in the Middle East which will not imperil the peace of the area. State Department officials have said that Israel is in an "adequate" defensive position and thus needs no military aid at this time.

Israeli officials counter with the statement that they are surrounded by hostile neighbours and need military aid as well as a formal United States security pact guaranteeing their sovereignty.—United Press.

U.S. & Russia Relations Could Break Any Time

Helsinki, Oct. 28.

Mrs Margaret Chase Smith, Republican Senator of the United States, said today on her arrival from Moscow that she "would not be surprised" if diplomatic relations between the United States and Russia were broken off "at any time by either side."

The Senator declined to say whether her reasoning was linked with the grave incident involving Soviet treatment of two American Embassy wives which occurred during her stay in Moscow.

She refused to discuss the case of the wives in any manner.

UNCERTAINTY
Her reply on the uncertainty of diplomatic relations came in answer to a reporter's question at a Press conference. He asked whether American-Russian relations were in a better condition than before or nearer to a point where they would be broken.

"I would not be surprised if the relations between the United States and the Soviet Union were broken off at any time by either side," she answered.

This flat statement came unexpectedly after she had given reporters her impressions of her visit and the reporter who asked the question added: "It is a rather strong statement."

"I know that," replied Senator Smith.—United Press.

Destroyer Order Cancelled

Rome, Oct. 28.

An American "off-shore" order for a destroyer was cancelled by the United States authorities here today, because they objected to the political views of the workers who were to have built the ship.

The destroyer was to have been constructed in the "Pignolo" dockyards in Palermo and then turned over to the Italian Navy without cost through the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

It was reported here that another shipyard would be given the order.—France Press.

Shah's Brother Missing

Tehran, Oct. 28.

The Shah of Persia tonight cancelled celebrations in honour of his birthday, due to have been held tonight and tomorrow, as plans closed today's unsuccessful search for his missing brother.

Prince Ali Reza, eldest brother of the Shah and heir to the throne, is missing aboard a private four-engine plane. It was due here at 8.30 p.m. last night.

The Shah's brother, Prince Ali Reza, is believed to have been on a private plane which crashed in the mountains near Shiraz.—United Press.



Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia (left) leaving the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, after the degree of Doctor of Civil Law had been conferred upon him by Oxford University at a Convocation during his visit to England. He is accompanied by the Chancellor of the University, Lord Halifax.—Reuterphoto.

Dr Khan Sahib Joins Pakistan's Caretaker Cabinet

Karachi, Oct. 28.

Dr Khan Sahib, influential former Chief Minister of the Northwest Frontier province, was sworn in today as a member of Mr Mohammed Ali's caretaker Cabinet.

The Cabinet which held its first meeting today, has been formed as a temporary Government, pending elections for a new Assembly.

The Constituent Assembly was dissolved on Sunday on the ground that it had lost the confidence of the people.

Dr Khan Sahib, is a brother of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, "the Frontier Gandhi." Dr Khan Sahib headed the Congress Ministry in the Northwest Frontier province until the partition of India and Pakistan.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The Governor-General, Mr Ghulam Mohammed, on whose orders the Constituent Assembly was dissolved and the new constitution scrapped, presided at today's Cabinet meeting.

The new appointment climaxed 24 hours of secret talks at the Governor-General's house, aimed at making the Cabinet as broad based as possible.

Dr Khan Sahib is the first non-Muslim League party man to be appointed a Minister of the Central Government in the country's seven years' history.

His appointment, it was authoritatively stated, would bring the growing Opposition parties of the Northwest Frontier province and the Punjab red shirts solidly behind the Government.

Dr Khan Sahib's Portfolio will be announced tomorrow. Meanwhile negotiations are continuing in Karachi with representatives of the Opposition Awami (People's) League and Muslim League leaders from the Punjab for filling the remaining Cabinet posts.

EMBASSY TO ZURICH

An embassy has also been sent to Zurich to bring to Karachi "as quickly as possible" Mr Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy, leader of the United Front Party which controls the East Bengal Provincial Assembly.

Political observers have forecast that Mr Suhrawardy will soon replace Mr Mohammed Ali as Prime Minister.

The embassy to Switzerland is Mr Ataur Rahman, Vice-President of the East Bengal Awami League.

Mr M. H. Usmani, President of the Karachi Awami League, said he had conferred with the Governor-General yesterday and subsequently called Mr Suhrawardy "to come back soon and give a lead to the people."

Awami League leaders here hope that a new Assembly will be made possible soon by French nominations made by the existing provincial legislatures.

Should such nominations be made on the same proportional representation basis as the previous Constituent Assembly, the United Front—which routed the Muslim League in East Bengal elections seven months ago—will be the majority party in the new Federal legislature.—Reuter.

Mme Ollier Denies Allegations

Paris, Oct. 28.

Mme Rose Marie Ollier, former French diplomat and suspected Soviet spy, said today she had "friendly relations" with Russian diplomats in Australia but vigorously denied that she had passed them any secrets.

Mme Ollier told the military examining magistrate that she knew Vladimir Petrov, former Soviet secret police chief in Canberra, Mrs Petrov, a Tass agency journalist named Besov and an Attaché, Dmitry Sadevskov. She admitted she met them frequently and chatted with them but said she had in no way betrayed France. She said she gave them no secret information whatsoever.

During her testimony Mme Ollier said Petrov told her: he was getting many complaints from Moscow for not sending enough information on Australia.—United Press.

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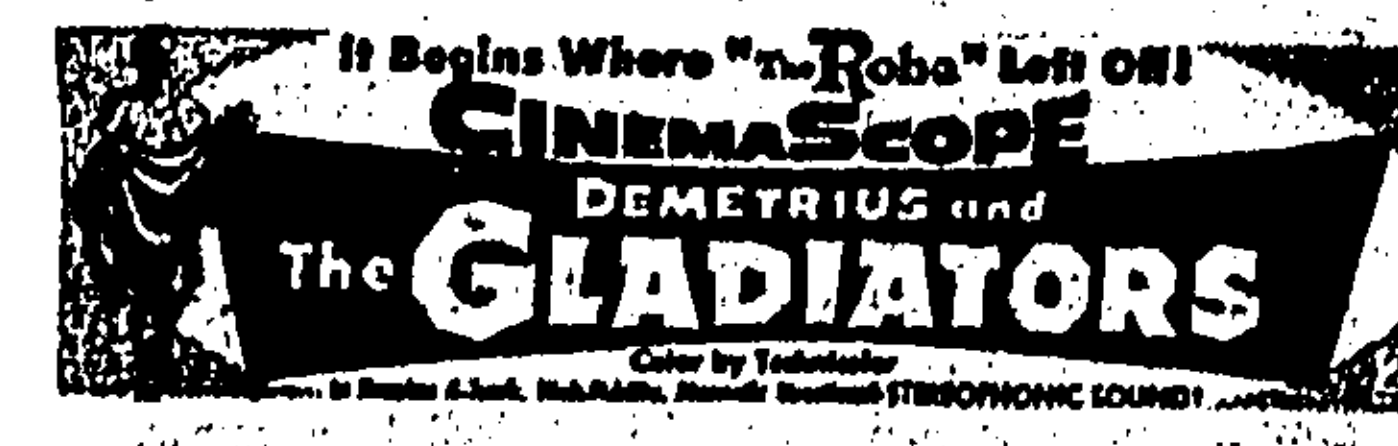
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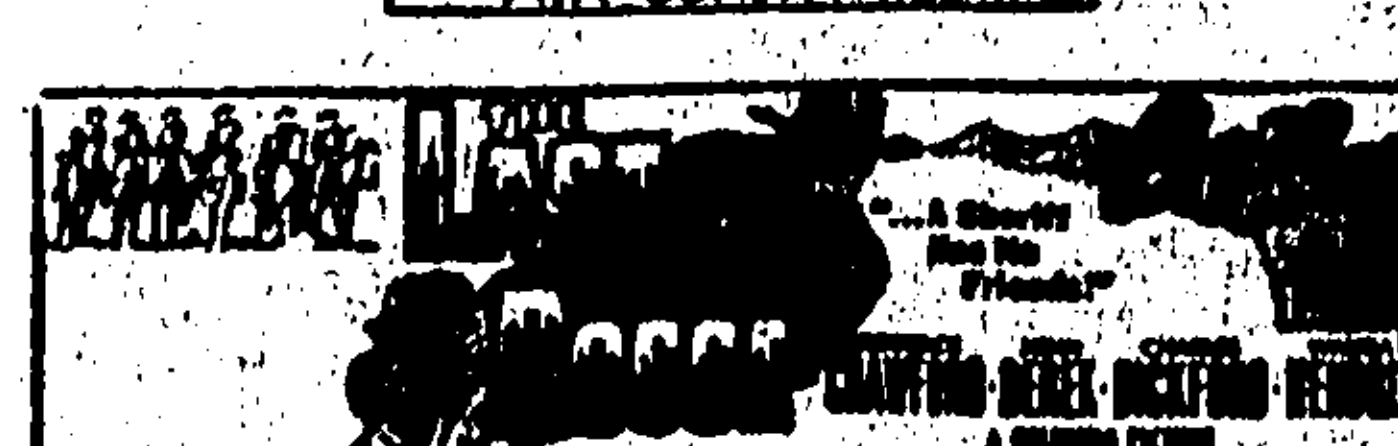
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Western Big Three Quietly Releasing War Criminals

Bonn, Oct. 28.

The Western Big Three allies, preparing for early West German independence, are quietly but quickly releasing most German war criminals still held in Allied gaols, it was learned today.

The total number still in confinement now totals only 207, according to Allied High Commission figures. These do not include the seven major Nazi offenders still incarcerated in grim Spandau gaol in Berlin.

The United States holds 120 at Landsberg gaol in Bavaria, the British 42 at West prison just east of the Ruhr and the French 46 at Wittlich prison in the bleak Eiffel mountains.

The United States and French authorities rarely announce the release of individual war criminals. The British High Commission generally does.

LAST FOUR MONTHS
However, official figures show that in the last four months about 1,000 United States has quietly set free 300 war criminals, the British 24 and the French six.

The present figure of only 207 contrasts sharply with the 887 still incarcerated in March, 1953, and 3,857 in Allied gaols in April, 1950.

West German propaganda complains loudly about these still held, claiming that all should be released before West Germany starts raising soldiers for a new army.

However, the 207 still incarcerated include few genuine former German soldiers. Most are former concentration camp commandants and guards sentenced for maltreatment of Allied prisoners.

Allied sources denied that there is any definite plan to release all 207 before the Bonn Government wins its sovereignty. However, officials indicated that the present rapid rate of release is nevertheless connected with that.

Under the 1952 Bonn peace convention which was confirmed by the sovereignty agreement concluded in Paris last week all German war criminals still in Landsberg, West and Wittlich will be handed over by the Western Allies to the Bonn Government as soon as the latter is in a position to guard them adequately.

BONN PROMISE
The Bonn Government promises under these treaties to confine the war criminals handed over to them until their sentences expire.

Under the 1952 Bonn agreements, mixed Allied-German emergency boards were to be set up to consider the cases of war criminals. The boards were, in fact, set up in October, 1953, and have been functioning for more than a year without awaiting restoration of sovereignty.

The boards consist of three German members and one from each of the three Western occupation powers. Many of those released in the past year have been freed as a result of clemency board action.

Big name German war criminals released by the Allies in the past two years included former Field Marshals Albert Kesselring, Fritz Frieh Von Mannstein, Erhard Milch, and Wilhelm List. Colonel-General Nikolaus Von Falkenhausen and SS Panzer General Kurt Meyer.

CONDITIONS IMPROVED
The British, in particular, have done much in recent months to improve conditions of war criminals still held at West.

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POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS

Washington, Oct. 28.

President Eisenhower said tonight that the United States would end up in a "hopeless jam" and suffer through two years of "political fiddling" while the world burns if the Democrats won Tuesday's Congressional election.

The President, bearing down hard on the dangers of divided responsibility with a Republican President and a Democratic Congress, called for a Republican victory to let him go ahead with his programme for peace "in this age of peril."

"Confusion can be avoided and steady progress assured only by electing a Republican majority to the Congress," he declared in a nationwide television and radio speech delivered before the Citizens for Eisenhower Committee.

Mr. Eisenhower, waging one of the most active campaigns ever fought by a President in an off-year election, warned repeatedly against "red lights at every governmental crossroads" of "two drivers on every governmental steering wheel."

TELECAST

The President will clear up his campaign activities with a whirlwind tour of four crucial states tomorrow and an election act-out-the-vote telecast on Monday. Vice-President Richard Nixon will join him in the telecast.

The chief executive, aroused by indifferent voters, decided on the four-State trip "in an attempt to stimulate a great outpouring of voters." He will visit Cleveland, Detroit, Louisville and Wilmington (Delaware), all places in which Republican Senatorial candidates face exceptionally tough fights.

Citing the accomplishments of his administration, Mr. Eisenhower said: "Where do we stand today in the world as compared to January 1953?"

"Two years ago there was a costly and apparently endless war in Korea which daily and weekly was taking the lives of American boys. All the world was restless and irritable. Hot spots glowed threateningly in Iran, Trieste, Suez."

DISUNITY

"In Europe, disunity and disunion hindered progress toward world security. Even here in the western hemisphere, in Guatemala, inter-

national Communism was raising a menacing head. Each of these trouble spots threatened to flame, without warning, into disaster.

"But gradually crisis gave way to promise.

"In Korea, 14 months ago, the futile waste of American life and treasure was stopped.

"In Europe, only a few days ago, we saw a historic step towards unity and strength. It may well prove to be the greatest stabilizing accomplishment of this century in world affairs.

"Meanwhile, two of our friends, Yugoslavia and Italy, cleared up years of trouble over Trieste.

"Two other friends, England and Egypt, solved historic differences over Suez.

STRATEGIC IRAN

"Strategic Iran, with its vast oil riches, threw off a threat of Communist domination and came strongly to our side.

"The Communist foothold in our hemisphere was eliminated.

"In Southeast Asia, terribly threatened by the Communist advance, a security coalition was at last developed.

"In all these heartening events, America was privileged to participate with an understanding and helpful friend.

"The brightened prospects for free world security and eventual peace must be classed as one of the most important facts of recent years. I deeply believe that the foreign policy of America is a bi-partisan matter. More than any previous administration, this one has observed the requirements of this truth. Leaders in this delicate vital area of government have been candid and open and more frequent than ever before.

CLOSE-WORKING TEAM

"Nevertheless, in this field, as in all others, America needs a close-working executive-legislative team.

"It needs undivided leadership which all of us can hold responsible for results; we cannot pursue peace so effectively with divided leadership which provides evasion of responsibility and affords no basis for a final failure.

"This kind of 'progress we voted for two years ago. Let us make sure it continues.'"

United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.05, "Young Musicians of Hongkong" Selection of Candidates Works from recent examinations of the Associated Boards Royal Schools of Music (Recorded); 6.45, Music of Old Vienna—Oscar Straus; 7, Artists of the World—Victor (Mano) Piano Quartet (Recorded); 7.30, "Viewpoint" A Weekly Magazine programme devoted to the news of the day and the cinema. Edited and introduced by Janet Tomblin-Hodges. Recorded by the Associated Boards Royal Schools of Music; 7.45, "The Paragon" by Sheila Kaye-Smith "A House is not a Home" by Polly Appleby; 8, "The World of the Future" by H. G. Wells; 8.15, "The World of the Future" by H. G. Wells; 8.30, "The World of the Future" by H. G. Wells; 8.45, "The World of the Future" by H. G. Wells; 9, "The World of the Future" by H. G. Wells; 9.15, "The World of the Future" by H. G. Wells; 9.30, "The World of the Future" by H. G. Wells; 9.45, "The World of the Future" by H. G. Wells; 10, "The World of the Future" by H. G. 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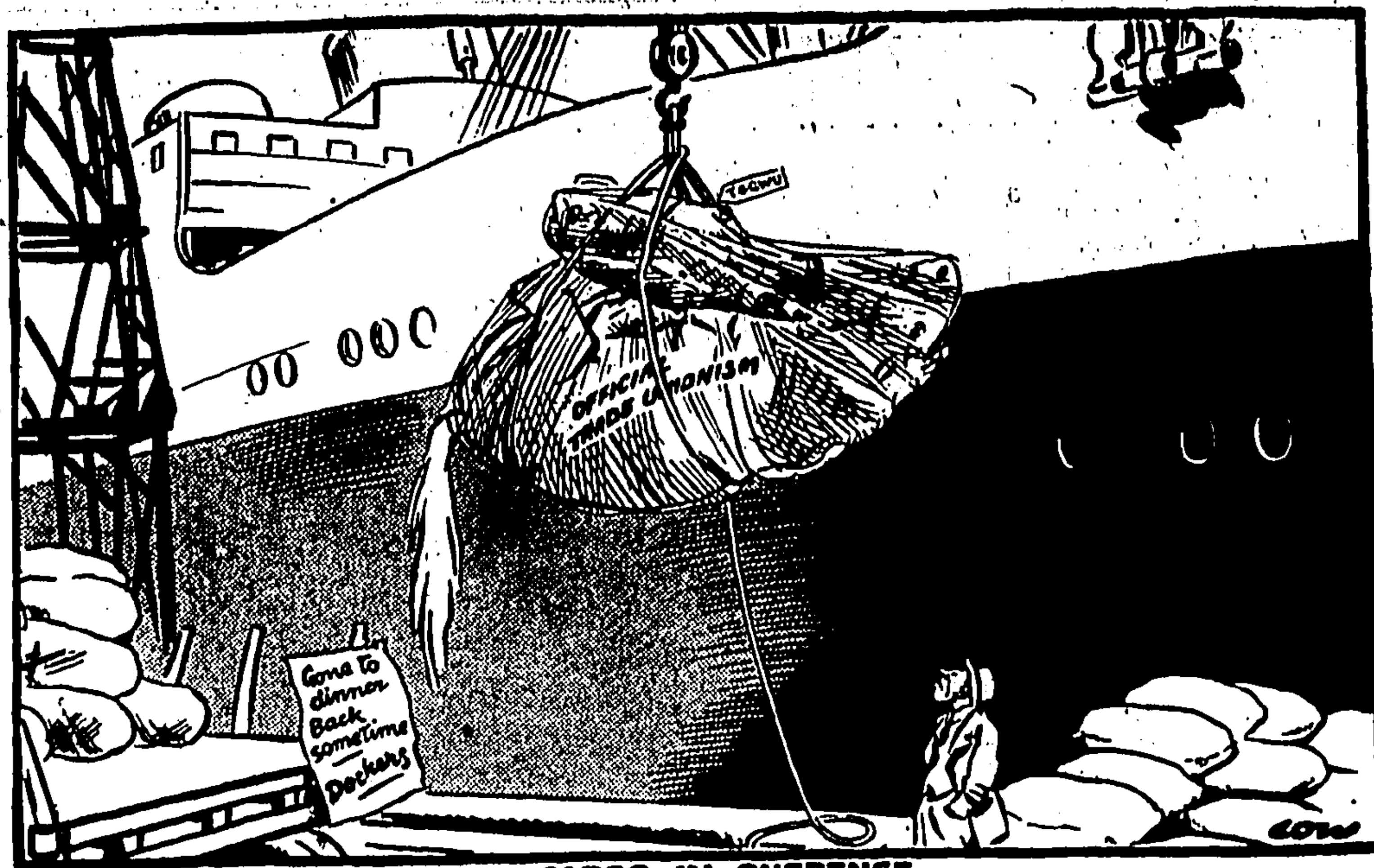
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Russia Through Japanese Eyes

MALENKOV REGIME MORE POPULAR

By DR

SHIGEYOSHI MATSUMAE,

member of a Japanese Parliamentary mission which recently visited Russia and China.

THE leaders of Russia have always claimed that Communism is the one and only way of life for the peoples of the world. The main aim of the Malenkov regime's policy is to prove that contention by equalling or, if possible, surpassing the standard of living of the Western Democracies.

Until this attempt fails there is, in my view, little risk of direct aggression by Russia. So long as their plans for economic improvement go forward, the country's rulers will continue to believe that the world can ultimately be won to their ideological beliefs by force of example rather than by force of arms.

The "cold war," Moscow-sponsored, anti-colonialist rebellions and carefully guided industrial agitation throughout the Western world, are, of course, complementary to this policy in as much as they hinder or retard economic development in the countries of the rival bloc.

I have recently had the opportunity of looking at developments in the countries of Western Europe, in the U.S.S.R. and Red China with an engineer's eyes and have tried to arrive at some definite conclusions as to the strength and potential of the East as compared with the West.

Russia is little more than 50 percent of that of the United States and that technical skill in the latter country is considerably greater.

In the factories which I visited, I noted that while 60 percent of the machinery and 65 percent of the machine tools were of Soviet manufacture, and 25 percent from Czechoslovakia, the remaining 10-15 percent of vital precision tools and testing apparatus, without which the factory could not operate, were stamped with the name-plates of German or American firms.

Coincidence

RUSSIAN engineers with whom I spoke assured me that this was purely a coincidence and that Soviet factories were perfectly capable of turning out such delicate apparatus. But their embarrassment detracted from the value of these assertions.

"This fell on April 12 and it would take approximately

The truth is that scientists and technicians have been in the past, and indeed still are, hampered by the limitations put upon them by the politicians and led to experiment with new methods for fear of the consequences of failure.

We were not permitted to see the Moscow University Research Institute, but I had a few words with Professor Sokolov, the chief physicist, who admitted that they were studying the basic principles of atomic power. I said to him: "You realise that if a third world war is waged with atomic power it will mean the extermination of mankind? What is your opinion of this, as a scientist?"

He looked about to say something, but finally mumbled that it was a very delicate question upon which he could not state an opinion just then.

Hydrogen Bomb

MY request to visit the Moscow Academy of Sciences was, however, granted and I was surprised by the great size and efficiency of this institute. In the middle of a discussion with a geologist, a metallurgist and a physicist who was engaged in the study of cosmic rays I suddenly said bluntly:

"The radioactive ashes which fell on Japan this year were of two kinds. One was white in colour, contained calcium of lime as its main constituent and had a very high Geiger count of up to 20,000; the other, which fell on the western Japanese province of Niigata, was blackish in colour, had a Geiger count of only 140 and contained entirely different elements."

"This fell on April 12 and it would take approximately

three days for the air currents to bring it from Siberia to Japan. Now did you explode a hydrogen bomb on April 9?"

The three scholars looked at each other in utter confusion. After a long silence, one of them said hesitantly: "The Soviet people do not conduct such cruel experiments which might endanger the lives of innocent people." It was an entirely unconvincing performance.

Many Chinese

I DO not think that Malenkov's campaign to improve the standard of living means any curtailment of the Soviet Armed Forces. The military are in evidence everywhere, and I and my colleagues were particularly struck by the number of Chinese Army officers and cadets whom we saw in Moscow.

The presence of those Chinese soldiers in Moscow was still in my mind as we arrived in Red China, flying for a whole hour — at least 250 miles — across the flooded area around Hankow, where the much-vaunted flood protection works (begun too late in the season to be effective) have all been swept away.

Last year when I visited this country, the people were still rejoicing at the end of foreign domination and boasting their new-found autonomy. Patriotic slogans plastered every village and public building.

This year there was a difference. Everywhere were slogans glorifying Russia. I feel that it would be rash in the extreme to bank on any upsurge of patriotism in Red China in the foreseeable future.

ROYALTY'S WORTH TO FILM MEN

By MILTON SHULMAN

EVERYONE has seen the pictures. The Queen smiling benevolently at some film actress trying to balance gracefully in an unaccustomed curtsy. At this time of the year such photographs are the outward sign of the Royal Family's official interest in the world of entertainment. In the first fortnight of November the Queen will attend both the Royal Film Performance and the Royal Variety Show.

Unfortunately, since its inception after the war, hardly a year has gone by without the Royal Film Performance finding itself yallowing in the centre of some loud and undignified controversy.

Usually the criticism has been directed at the choice of the film the Queen has to see. And, looking back over past selections, the Queen deserves every sympathy for the burden she has had to bear.

Squabbling

WITH the exception of "Scott of the Antarctic," royal films have achieved a remarkable standard of worthy mediocrity. Sometimes—as in the case of Mario Lanza in "Beau Brummell"—the choice could only be justified by a psychiatrist.

On November 15 the Queen will be shown "Beau Brummell"—this year's selection—and it seems hardly likely to do much to brighten a dismal record.

Now the competition among film producers for the chance of presenting the royal film somewhat resembles the squabbling of hungry lions over the fattest Christian.

Undoubtedly they are all after the decided honour such an accolade gives their film. It would be nice to think that was the sole cause of the keen rivalry.

But there is, alas, another consideration that cannot be left out of account. It has been estimated that a royal film can put an extra £50,000 into the pockets of its producers.

Still peddled

THIS means, of course, that hundreds of thousands of people go to see a film merely because the Queen has seen it. Their decision has nothing to do with the Queen's choice of the Queen's taste.

Although the Queen rarely comments on the public about the films she has seen, shown, who knows what torments of ennui she may have suffered before the merciful fade-out?

Yet bored or baffled as she may have been by some of them, these films are still peddled about bearing the laurel wreath of royalty when they merit only the commercial crest of Wardour Street.

Since the Queen has nothing to do with the choice of films in her name, the onus of honouring the best available films—no matter where they come from—is particularly heavy on the selectors. So far they have singularly failed to carry out this obligation.

Now it is not only to the film industry that the patronage of the Royal Family has considerable monetary value. The theatre too is very conscious of the worth of a visit from the Queen or Princess Margaret or the Duchess of Kent.

Whenever a theatre manager learns that royalty is expected, there is no false modesty about keeping the information out of the papers. The lobby soon has its quota of photographers and reporters ready to record the occasion.

The theatre, of course, does not always know in advance who is likely to turn up. Six or eight seats may merely have been booked in the name of Buckingham Palace or Clarence House. A Bond Street theatrical agency keeps seats available for just such a request.

If it is the Queen who is going to attend, managers are likely to receive some prior notice because of the security arrangements involved.

But visits by Princess Margaret or the Queen Mother may be booked in the name of a personal friend. Then the manager is left to guess as to who will arrive. Hints over the telephone—"a very important person will be in the party"—usually is all that is known.

The Queen's attendance at a theatre can have a startling effect on box-office receipts. When she went to see "The Young Elizabeth"—a good play that was doing far from house-full business—if Princess Margaret kept it running for many extra months.

Even the most casual visits by Princess Margaret or the Duchess of Kent can send takings up by £200 a week.

Stimulated

A PLAY like "Angels in Love"—which was so well received by critics—finds its box-office returns stimulated because someone has taken Princess Margaret to see it.

For again the public demonstrates as little discrimination—where royalty is concerned—about the theatre as it does about the film. Princess Margaret has been seen to see it that is good enough for it.

But, in private, the Princess has some fairly blunt and critical opinions about plays she has seen. And some managers would be less enthusiastic about advertising the fact that she had seen their plays if they could hear what she really thought of them.

A public following like sheep the visits of royalty can do the theatre no good. Plays should be judged on their merits and not by the rank of audience in the stalls.

Over-eager

IT is, indeed, heartening that so many members of the Royal Family are genuinely interested in the films and the stage. But over-eager publicity men can do much to undermine the undoubted value royal patronage can have on the arts. Perhaps this warning is particularly topical at this time, for soon there will be another royal taste for which Shaftesbury Avenue will have to cater. When and where will Prince Charles see his first pantomime?

TRULY FORMIDABLE TRIAL FOR DETERMINED GENTS

By LES ARMOUR

LAST week 230 determined gents sat down in a Brussels hotel to fight the latest round in the battle to put a stop to "the decadence of the culinary arts."

Led by a gourmet of missionary fervour and limitless moral conviction called Joseph Tissot, they launched into a truly formidable trial without flinching.

Every man of them downed eight courses and tossed down 34 kinds of wine and several sorts of brandy.

NO CASUALTIES

So far, as anyone has been able to find out, there were no casualties. And M. Tissot even claimed some members of the company dined afterwards. What is more surprising, the stout-stomached warriors, each paid £2 towards the cost of the dining.

M. Tissot states their case thus: "Gourmets—the real connoisseurs who know how to appreciate their food and wine—are dying out. We are becoming gourmets—gluttons who eat for the sake of eating."

And he insists that his occasional displays of marathon eating are "absolutely necessary" to stem the tide.

He feels, moreover, that each of his stout eaters will carry their conviction with them to the grave.

"The stomach is part of the human body gifted with a true memory. A great meal is an agreeable memory which landmarks the road of life in an unforgettable manner."

No doubt his Brussels battle is enough to landmark any body's memory for all time. It is not enough to guarantee a bad case of stomach ulcers as well. But there will be "eats" who will question the principles of the thing.

After downing 34 wines and several brandies, it may fairly be doubted as to whether anyone is really in a condition to appreciate anything.

Nor is it probable that eight massive courses can be consumed by anyone with genuine enjoyment.

SIMPLER FARE

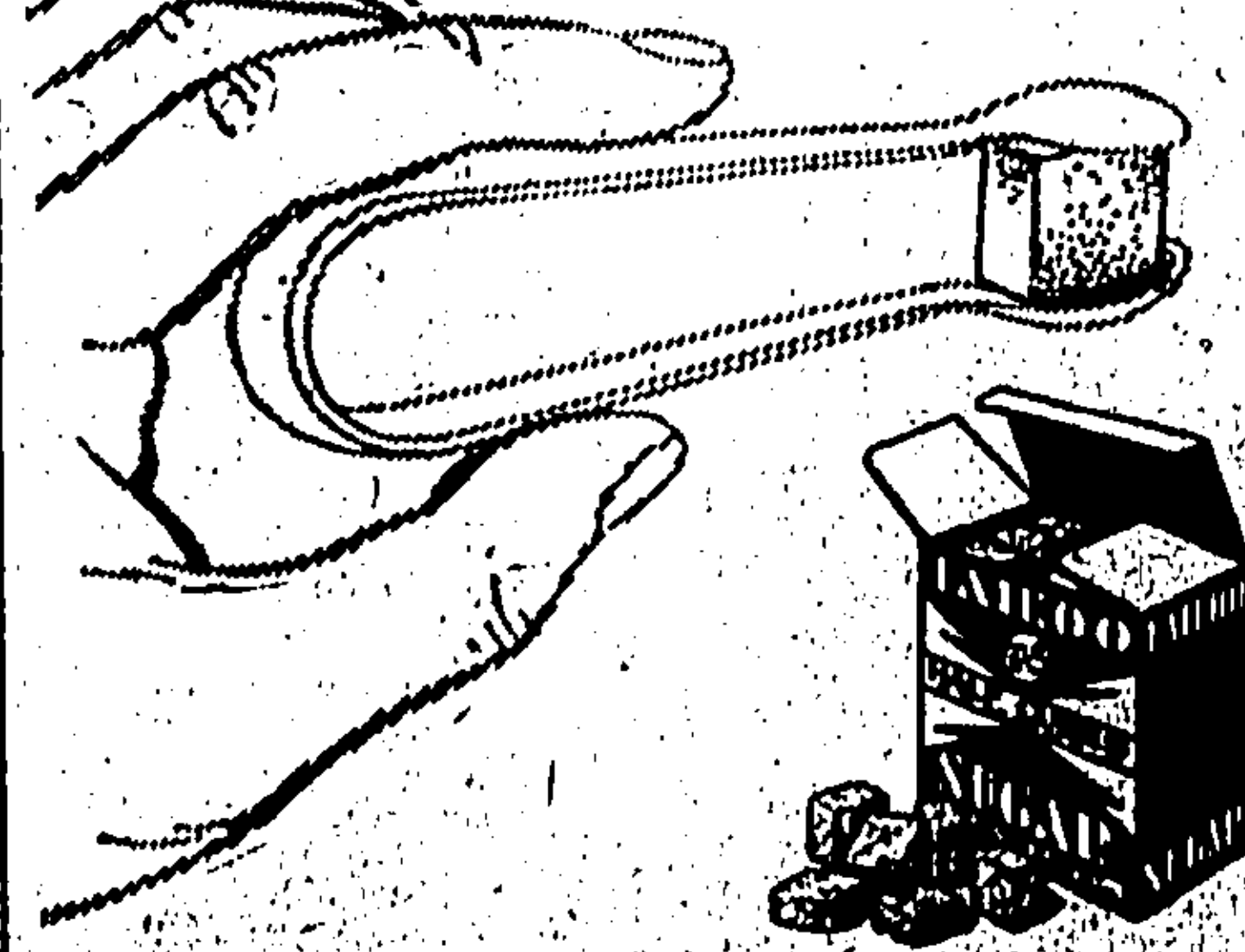
It is in fact doubtful as to whether any of the missionaries will be able to enjoy their grub for a week afterwards.

Simpler souls may assert that a modest plate of good old English stew, followed by a stout pudding and downed with a pint of bitter, ought to do the trick quite nicely.

Some may even hold that a sizzling plate of bacon and eggs and a cup of good black coffee fit the early dawn as a sun-drenched culinary treat to satisfy man or god.

It is just possible that this M. Tissot himself could like food that much.

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by Beachcomber

A BRASS BAND hdd to retire from a competition the other day, when it was discovered that it had been rehearsing the wrong test-piece for three months.

There was once a man who took lessons in conjuring. In order to be able to amuse people, one day he turned up at a party dressed as a Chinese mandarin. The first time he threw a handful of goldfish, he fired a toy-pistol, waved his fan, and proceeded to pull out of his mouth the flags of all the nations on a string. When the handkerchief was recovered from the bowl, the goldfish were still there. Angry people said this was absurd. He could have brought the flags with him. What they expected was to see the goldfish bowl disappear. The conjurer was wiling that he had got the wrong thing, might have ended the whole affair might have ended! So, you see.

Now we know

AFTER exhaustive research, a close study of charts, diagrams, and statistics, and the questioning of some 333,019 citizens, it has been established that the reason why pedestrians in the higher age-groups knocked down in the streets, is that these in the lower age-group-brackets, is that they are less quick on their feet. This is thought to be due to their age.

Another startling discovery is that those who are everlastingly late more than those with good eyesight. This is believed to be due to their being unable

to see as well as those with good eyesight.

Playing against the audience

A VIOLINIST who plays a classical music in a London street has given me a good idea which pass on to concert performers. He said, "If people start to jeer, I give them a bit of Bach. That drives them away." When, at a concert, cries of "Cut it out!" and "Shut up!" interrupt a piano or violin solo, the musician should at once give them a bit of Bach, shouting "Take that—and like it!" as the audience troops out in disgust and anger.

In passing

THEY always seem to be on the way to the hockey-field," says a Frenchman, writing about Eng. sh girls. As it says in "Karl's Golden Hour": "After secretly observing the unadvised grace of her movements, the most celebrated picture-maker of the province turned the implements of his craft, and began life anew as a trainer of performing elephants."



"Just put her down anywhere."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... by STELLA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

BORN today, you have many of the characteristics of greatness. Quiet and reserved, you are often somewhat austere, especially when in the company of those with whom you are not very well acquainted. However, you have an extremely warm heart toward those who are within your own family circle. Those who love can do no wrong and you will defend them to the last. You have a keen sense of humor and it will help you out of many a tight spot, as when things get very rough, you can grin and make the best of it.

You have a tremendous capacity for taking care of all detail work, but you must guard against being put on a job where that is all you are given to do—just because you are so good at it. For there is another side to your nature which is imaginative, inventive and creative in literature or the arts. The stage appeals to you as an art form and this might prove a highly lucrative career for you. Once you have set your mind on something, you have the will to put your idea through to completion, come what may.

All you members of the fair sex are very attractive and have a magnetic quality which seems to draw you to members of the opposite sex, without your really being aware that one romance before you settle down to marriage, but once that happens, you are most devoted, and become a fine housewife and mother.

Among those who were born on this date are: Anna Com, opera singer; Fannie Brice, Comedienne; Queen Marie of Rumania; Thomas F. Bayard, statesman; Francis Hodgson Burnett, author; Robert Lico, inventor; and William B. Tappan, poet.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Speak softly today—but have the big stick handy, in case you need to strike. Don't let it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Most aspects are sufficiently neutral that trouble can be avoided. If you are prepared to meet minor annoyances, but not foolhardy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Should be a fine day for leading. Relax tensions and enjoy yourself. But be careful if driving a train.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Use a little extra tact with family calculations. If driving a train, be wise, it's a fine day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Everything seems to go along fine. Don't do any office work unless you have to—read that only in the morning.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Avoid making an error in your calculations. If driving a train, be sure to look it up in the time-table.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Careless haste could cause an accident, so be careful and all will go well with you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—You could mess things up by being too impulsive. It's all right to be aggressive, but not foolhardy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Your judgment may not be quite so sound as it should be so give any decision a second thought before committing yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—One of those half-good, half-poor days. Adhere to your original plans. Don't act impulsively on anything.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Everything is much better than it has been lately, so take advantage of the good period now.

WOMANSENSE

Skirt With Unusual Design



A full circular skirt in green all-wool felt (by Norman Martin) modelled by June Oakes at the Royal Festival Hall recently. Loose golden cords reach down from the waistband to join an unusual design of contemporary pictures.

Arguing Doesn't Help Control The Teenager

By Garry C. Myers, Ph.D.

MANY mothers write of the early teen-age daughter who resists any attempts to restrict her freedom, especially in relation to boy friends. Often the accounts are tragic and pathetic, and too complicated to enable one to know what advice to offer.

But of one thing one can be sure. The parents can hope to get nowhere with word battles and protracted or continuous periods of anger and irritation between them and the daughter.

In one letter, for example, from a mother whose "nerves are about gone," one reads of a daughter, 15 (doing very well at school):

"She will not accept our advice," says this mother. "Seems to think we are always wrong.... The only time she has a smile is when the boy is around. The minute he leaves, she goes into a shell. We have tried to break them up, but cannot. She says she is sorry for nothing, has done no wrong and this is a democratic world."

"Last evening she and her father had a terrible argument, and she said she was afraid of nothing, such as death, life or anything. He slapped her, and she told him to go ahead, it didn't hurt, etc."

I replied in part: "I can see how you parents are worried over that daughter and how hard you have tried to guide her well. But, you both have allowed yourselves to get wrought up, and to argue in anger. I am sure the father could not justify his having struck that daughter. He should have more self-control."

Just don't argue at all. After you and Dad have agreed on a programme, that is, reasonable and workable, announce it and say no more.

I doubt whether you can break up the mutual interest between your daughter and that boy since they go to the same school. About the only thing you could do would be to limit the number of times they might be together. Be reasonable about this. Your greatest hope would be to contrive ways at informal parties where she might meet more boys and have more girls. Whatever your restrictions might be, they ought to be clear and definite, and reasonable. You just can't afford to be angry all the time with that daughter and have her angry at you.

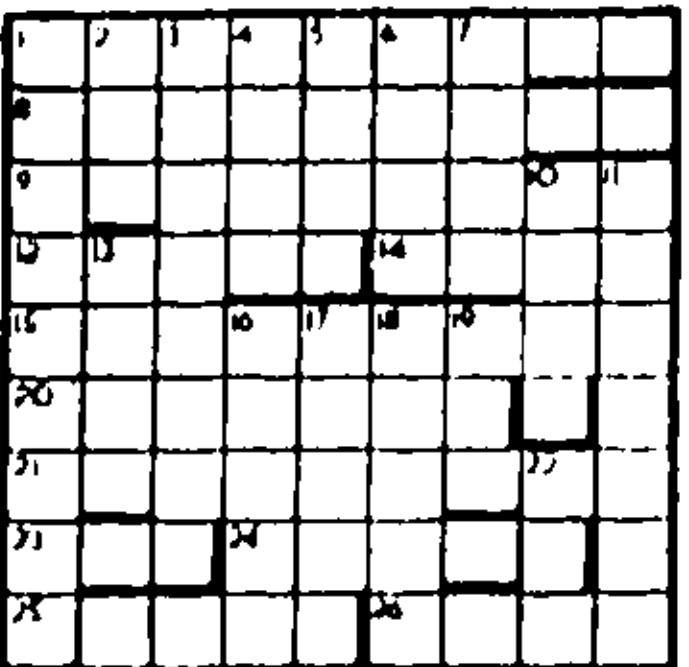
The chances are she is a fine girl, and will come through well, if you can manage yourselves and win her confidence and esteem. Why not look for the many lovely trails in that daughter and try to build on them?

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CROSSWORD



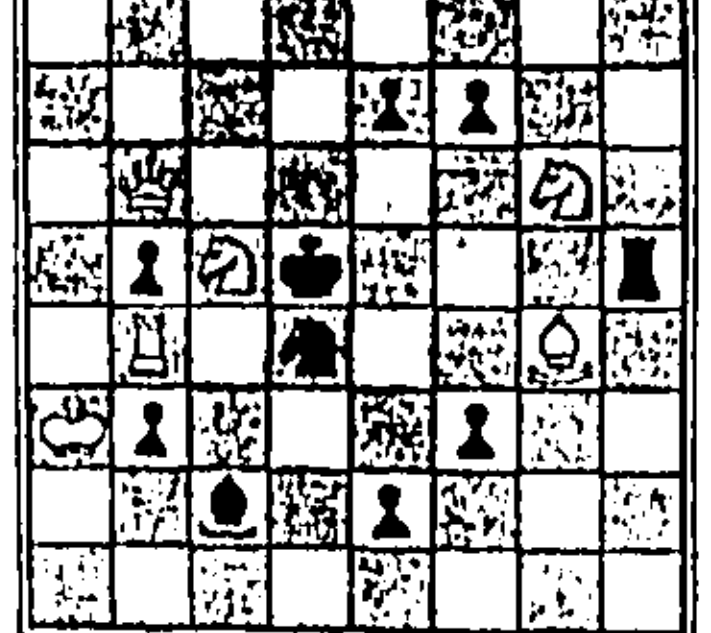
- Across:
- Was Tucker dumbfounded? (10)
 - Only flunk believe polemically. (10)
 - Make sense of a state up after a war. (10)
 - Take away the wilderness of a bit from the river. (10)
 - A good one is essential at many moments. (10)
 - Orate, and I appear with a gin in the middle. (10)
 - I see laid (anag.). (10)
 - ICC. (10)
 - The man from a Maine grove? (10)
 - Adieu, she cries, and waves her. (10)

- Down:
- Stains upon the atom. (10)
 - An exclamation makes him back. (10)
 - He lets you know. (10)
 - Fossil address of a horse. (10)
 - Publize are happier without them, said Mr. Lear. (10)
 - It goes with companions, right to the top of the ladder. (10)
 - The fine girls around. (10)
 - Just the place for a building. (10)
 - Sped with an ear impaled you might say. (10)
 - Ripe for irrigation. (10)
 - A gun? O'Connell's a change. (10)
 - Brown's Venice not shown on her hundred. (10)
 - Harvest. (10)
 - Street. (10)
 - Team. (10)
 - Turn to a simul. (10)
 - Time. (10)
 - The last of the A. (10)
 - Atreco. (10)

CHESS PROBLEM

By C. GOLDSCHMEDING

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-B2, any; 2. Q, R, or K mates.

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CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable the bidding has been: South West North East 1 Heart Double Redbl. 1 Spade

You, South, hold: Spades 7-5, Hearts A-Q-7-3-3, Diamonds A-K-J, Clubs 7-3-2. What do you do?

A—Pass. Your partner's reasonable asks you to let the next bid come around to him. You have no reason to deny this request.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You hold: Spades 7-5, Hearts A-K-J-3-2, Diamonds A-K-4, Clubs 7-3-2. What do you do?

Answer: Pass.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

How to Mail a Pond

—Mr. Punch Sent One to His Grandfather—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW when I was a boy," said Mr. Punch to Knarf and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "I did some pretty remarkable things. For instance, one day I sent my grandfather a whole pond in a letter."

Mr. Punch stopped to smile. He waited for Knarf and Hand to exclaim in astonishment, which is something they did the very next moment.

"What did you say?" exclaimed Hand.

"Nobody could send a pond in a letter!" said Knarf.

"My dear Knarf and my dear Hand," said Mr. Punch. "I just told you that when I was a boy I did some pretty remarkable things. I meant what I said when I said that I sent a pond in a letter to my grandfather."

"But how could you?" asked Hand. "A pond is full of water."

"It is indeed," said Mr. Punch, nodding. He continued: "There is nothing so full of water as a pond, except perhaps a glass of water which is much the same thing, only smaller."

Knarf and Hand begged Mr. Punch to explain how he managed to send a pond in a letter to his grandfather.

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to tell you everything," said Mr. Punch. "Some day you may find that you want to send

a pond to your grandfather. Now listen very carefully and you'll understand exactly how I did it."

A Lovely Pond

"Well," began Mr. Punch, "it happened that my grandfather lived on a farm high up in the mountains, while I lived with my mother and father in the city near a big park. In this park there was a pond—a large, quite beautiful pond in which the goldfish swam, the ducks paddled and the children waded. I liked this pond very much. In the wintertime it froze over and then we all went ice-skating."

"One day," continued Mr. Punch, "Grandfather came down to visit us. I took him to see the pond. He liked it so much he said, 'Punch, my boy, I'd give anything if you could send that pond to me to my farm in the mountains.'"

"How can I do that, grandfather?" I asked.

"Grandfather answered, 'Just mail it to me in a letter.'"

"So," said Mr. Punch to Knarf and Hand, "I did just as Grandfather suggested. I got a stamp and envelope and a big sheet of writing paper. And on the writing paper I put several drops of the pond."

"How did you do that, Mr. Punch?" asked Knarf.

"Why," replied Mr. Punch, "by simply dipping my finger in the pond and letting the drops drip on the paper. Then I sent the letter to my grandfather with the



A cow drank the whole pond down in one swallow.

words: Here is some of the pond.

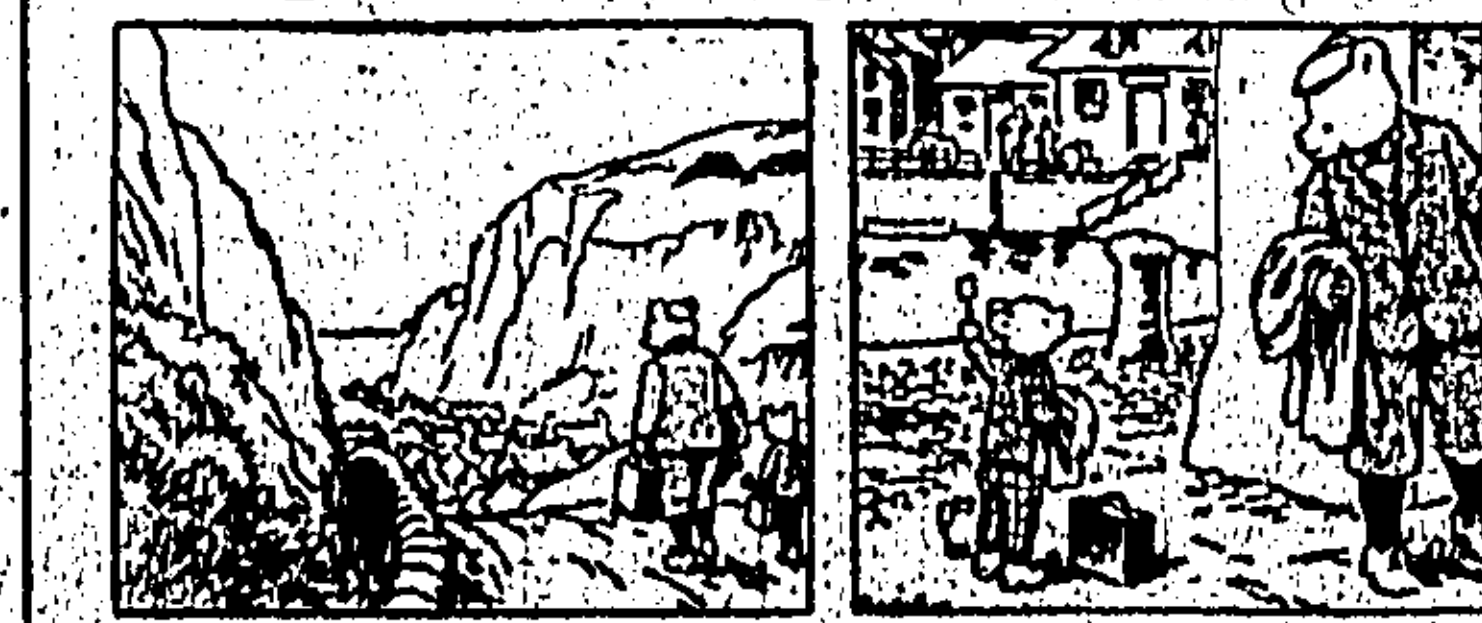
"And that's what I did," said Mr. Punch. "I kept sending drops of the pond to Grandfather all through the summer and by the end of the summer he wrote me back saying he had dug a deep hole and was keeping all the pond drops in it, and to please keep on sending him more of the pond in all my letters."

A Mysterious Find

"Tell me, Mr. Punch," said Hand. "Did your Grandfather ever get enough drops to start a pond at his farm?"

Mr. Punch shook his head sadly. "An unfortunate thing happened. One day a cow came along and drank the whole pond down in one swallow. It was a great pity. But the strangest thing was this. There, at the bottom of Grandfather's pond was a goldfish, and how he got there I'll never know. I certainly didn't mail him in the letter."

Rupert at Greystocks Cove—8



There seems to be no bus or taxi at the sleepy little station so Rupert and his shadow-children, Knarf and Hand, set off to walk. The road is nearly all down hill, so they don't get too tired, and at length Greystocks Cove comes into view. It turns out to be a tiny, landlocked port. What a weird little spot! exclaims Mr. Bear. "I'm afraid you may not find it very exciting. There's no sand to play on. No, and it doesn't seem the sort of place to find beautiful butterflies!" says Rupert, looking puzzled and longing to the higher.

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It Was His Straight Left Which Took Dower To The Top

Says DENNIS HART

At Harringay last week I saw something which Britain invented, perfected, and which remains supreme—the straight left.

If you doubt me, ask Jake Tull. Before being introduced to the left hand of Welsh coal miner Dai Dower, Jake was the British Empire Flyweight Champion. After 15 rounds, in which Dower's piston-like left jabs beat a constant tattoo on his face, Tull was another ex-champ.

He tried all he knew to keep the title. He bobbed, weaved, crouched and threw punches all the time, from all angles. But always Dower's left was there to keep him at bay.

The effervescent Dower now has the boxing world at his twinkling feet. At 21, he is the leading contender for Japanese Yoda Shiro's world crown. On his form against Tull he can win it, and enjoy a long reign.

ONE DANGER

There is one danger. The left that has taken Dower to the top must not dominate his

boxing. There is an old ring proverb which says "world champions have right hands." Many are the British Champions who have forgotten it and come unstuck.

Witness another recent hope, Sammy McGarvey. He disposed of all his British opponents, using, like Dower, an educated left. But men of the Ray Farnoch, Hogan Bassey class soon exposed the limitations of a one-punch boxer. Sammy learnt his lesson, however; he began throwing rights, and is back at the top.

Dower, I think, will take note. There is something of a Gene

Tunney in his make-up. He knows where he wants to go, and how to get there.

He showed this against Tull. Towards the end of the fight he was well on top and, with two thousand fellow countrymen cheering him on, he must have been sorely tempted to step in and try for a spectacular finish.

This would almost certainly have resulted in disaster. For there isn't a flyweight living to match Tull in a punching duel. Dai refrained, and won.

And Dai couldn't have a better adviser than manager Nat Sellar, trainer of 15 British champions, including Freddie Mills. As general manager of the recently closed Jack Solomon's gymnasium, Nat looked after a host of other world rankers.

KNOWS MORE

Clearly Mr Sellar knows more about boxing than just straight lefts.

So, with the combination of a fighter willing and able to learn, and a manager willing and able to teach, how can they go wrong?

But Tull, no doubt, has also learned lessons from the fight. So the next Dower-Tull scrap—and there must be one sometime—may be even better than the last. We may see a left-jabbing Dower, with a solid right to follow, against a hard-slugging Tull, with skill to match his punch.

(London Express Service).

No Outflanking The Wing-Forward Problem In Today's Rugby

London, Oct. 28.

Throughout the close-season in Britain, students of Rugby Union football have discussed it, and it comes sharply into focus with the opening of a new season here.

The International Board's changes in the rules now take effect, and critics ask: Will they overcome the intensive spoiling seen last year, and encourage open play?

There is little that the British can do that is new about "spoiling," as he commonly calls them, but always of particular interest are the views of any visitor.

John Hayhurst, a New Zealand journalist, in his book "The Fourth All Blacks 1933-1934" (published by Longmans, 15/-), makes some pointed comments.

"There were a great many times on the tour," he writes, "when the opposing back-row forwards ranged amongst the (New Zealanders') five-eighths and round to the half to such an extent that no one but a wizard could have broken through."

This "blocking" had occurred throughout the tour, and the mark — "spoiled" as the Frenchmen Jean Prat and Doree could show, or the English Frank Wilson or Elliott of Scotland," he says — there could have been no complaint.

But, he argues, there were many of lesser quality who ran forward in front of the ball and then made little effort to get back on side.

"TO A FINE ART" — They were "professional" players, who had the trick down to a fine art, and who "too often got away with it match after match."

In a book of 267 pages, Mr Hayhurst analyses All Blacks with admirable thoroughness. With Britain due to send a team to South Africa at the end of this season, there will be special interest there and in Britain in the "British team" which, he says, the New Zealanders might have picked from those against whom they played.

Australasia, who saw the British Lions in 1930, will know some of the names. Mr Hayhurst lists them in this way: Full-back, Gerwyn Williams (Wales); wing — three-quarters, Ken Jones (Wales) right, T.G. Weatherstone (Scotland) left; W.P.C. Davies (England), J. Butterfield (England) centres; stand-off half, Cliff Morgan (Wales); scrum-half, T.A. O'Meara (Ireland); front row props, J.H. Smith (Ireland) and D.L. Sanders (England).

"Bayer's" TONIC



When we are privileged with the presence of a great artist as "Pavle Zouner" we should have no excuse for missing his visit at the Empire Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 8.30.

Denis Compton Playing Against S. Australia

Adelaide, Oct. 29.

Denis Compton, who arrived here from England two days ago, will play for the MCC in the four-day game against South Australia which begins today.

It is not surprising that Compton pressed for inclusion in this match because the Adelaide Oval is one of his favourite grounds. Eight years ago he achieved the rare feat of hitting 147 and 103 not out here.

Everyone hopes he will find his form quickly, ensuring no possibility of the ill luck which dogged him on the last tour of Australia when his Test innings yielded an aggregate of 53 runs for an average of 7.57.

Compton joins a team full of confidence after their two splendid victories in Perth. Those early MCC triumphs have shaken even the most die-hard Australians who are not as optimistic as when the tourists disembarked at Fremantle three weeks ago.

The MCC have named 12 players for the match. One of the bowlers nominated will be omitted.

It is satisfactory to note that Reg Simpson and Tom Graveney, the only batsmen yet to settle down, are included. Both are splendid stroke makers but it will complicate the England Test selectors' job if they find their true form as it seems difficult to see how Vic Wilson can possibly be omitted from the big matches after his sure play and magnificent fielding at Perth.

At this early stage of the season, the Adelaide ground has not yet recovered from the effects of football. There is little grass on the pitch which probably will be very slow-paced.

Perfect conditions for cricket prevailed yesterday when the MCC practised at this most delightful ground, which for scenery and amenities is unequalled anywhere. Such a setting should inspire the best from the players.

The team—L. Hutton (Captain), R.T. Simpson, M.C. Cowdrey, W. J. Edrich, D.C.B. Compton, T.W. Graveney, J.H. Wardle, F.J. Loader, J. McCulloch, F.H. Tyson, K. Andrew, R. Appleyard.—Reuter.

World Basketball Championship

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 28. The United States defeated France 70 to 45 in their game in the World Basketball Championship here today.

As this game in tonight's programme, the United States led France 31 to 21.

CONGRATULATIONS



Dai Dower receiving congratulations the morning after he won the Empire Flyweight Championship from Jake Tull.—Central Press Photo.

Chataway Can't Charm Away The Sportsman Of The Year Award

Says DESMOND HACKETT

Who are the sports stars, the sports stars of England? The answer is simple, gloriously simple — the sports stars are the boy and girl athletes. From their amateur ranks will come the Sportsman of the Year. Right now I say the honour will go to Chris Chataway, the auburn-haired hero who won that unforgettable duel on the run against Soviet sailor Vladimir Kuts.

There will be many among those present who will argue against this accolade for Chataway, and the first dissentient will be Chris Chataway himself. I can just imagine him turning on the charm and quietly saying: "Jolly nice thought, but I mean what about Roger Bannister?"

You know Roger, driven first when the rest of the world were racing madly around to beat the four-minute mile.

Bannister, pushing back that discoloured blond lock of hair, will opine in the precise tones befitting his profession as a doctor: "Definitely it should be Chris."

"Recall that when I had the good fortune to break the four-minute job Chataway was considerably helpful."

"When Chris so magnificently beat Kuts I might say there was a considerable lack of assistance."

ALL DESERVE IT There are a whole string of deserving characters from this sports-for-all arena who deserve the No. 1 sports title.

Girls like Jean Desforges, who always runs and jumps so splendidly for club, county, country and sky 18-year-old sprinter Jean Scrivens, will

soon become Britain's first lady of sport.

There is Ken Norris, who thought it was just a lot of fun when he licked Russian strong-man Alexander Anisiev.

There is Steeplechaser John Daley, idol of the schoolboys. They have decorated the international sports arenas with

I mean all kinds and colours and shapes of track costumes. "Now just look how nice the Russians are."

Madame, by way of explanation: the London athletes buy their own kit. The Russians are smartly geared out by the Government. They have nothing to lose. They have admirable facilities for full-time training. Their system is their own business.

And madam, I respectfully suggest you mind yours.

(London Express Service).



... girls like Jean Desforges.

their gay spirit and their considerable skill despite the worst facilities in the world.

IRON WILL

That was why only the iron will of the Hacketts restrained me beating a stupid model of a hat over the eyes of the woman who said—

"My dear, don't those English athletes look perfectly frightful."

Individual results were as follows: Mrs J. R. Coombe, lost to Mr Vice Marshal Scherger; Mrs D. L. Anderson beat Mr Commodore Field; Mrs E. W. Brooks halved with Mr Cdr. Krusin; Mrs L. H. Robinson beat S/Ldr. Tingle; Mrs J. B. Mackie lost to S/Ldr. Brooks; Mrs J. Shoemaker beat S/Ldr. Beatty; Mrs W. P. Birwhistle beat F/Lt. Hall; Mrs J. R. Letch halved with F/Lt. Adams; Mrs C. E. Hayes beat F/Lt. Leach; Mrs F. Hawkins lost to F/Lt. Pile; Mrs J. Wai halved with Mr Off. Brown; Mrs W. Hung lost to F/Off. Plumby.

The troupe included Frank Edgman, Francisco Segura and Fanchito Gonzalez. Mrs Sedgman accompanied her husband.

Mail Special.

A MATTER OF PING AND PONG! THE ROWE TWINS BEG TO DIFFER OVER THE USE OF THE SPONGE BAT

By ERIC NICHOLLS

It's all very disquieting, really! Mrs Rowe's famous Greenford, Middlesex, ping pong twins—yes, that's what the Rowes call table tennis—may be hardly distinguishable apart.

But there is a distinct cleft in the opinions of these young ladies. Left-handed Diane and right-handed Rosalind beg to differ over a little piece of rubber called sponge.

At its more mention the grey-green eyes of Singles Champion Rosalind flashed. "Shouldn't 'de-finitely be banned," she says. "Not because we cannot master it, but during these past years we have made great strides in building the game up."

"With sponge the table tennis strokes have deteriorated. The actual world's singles final between two sponge-users only lasted about 25 minutes, and the rallies were of a few seconds duration. The points were not really won with good strokes but by the sponge."

Over to Diane, the other half of this world-beating doubles pair. "We must conquer the sponge by beating it. Then it

will die out. We must remember that sponge was used many years ago. It died out then because eventually it was mastered. "Also, sponge creates a really great interest among not only our players, but also spectators, who come along just to see what all the fuss is about. Before it lowers the standard of the game, we still have found a way to master it."

Sponge has, in fact, invaded the tranquillity of English table tennis. Everyone was perfectly happy in the world of ping and pong until the ladies and gentlemen of Japan decided, with malice aforethought, no doubt, to bring that instrument of aggression to the last World Championships.

The fact that they duly knocked the stuffing out of almost everyone they met and returned to the land of Nippon with both Swythling and Corbillon Cups only added to the discomfiture of their opponents.

FLUTTER AND FLURRY

The flutter and the flurry which greeted this astounding and unexpected bit of work has been subdued. And I doubt whether the adventurous gentlemen who first applied expanded rubber (that's the technical description) to a bat, realised what a controversial object he was creating.

With England's ping-pong—sorry, table tennis—public having already rolled up their sleeves to face the challenges of the new season, the indications are that sponge will be in considerable use.

But you'll want to know something more of this variety of rubber that can arouse such feelings in the world of sport. The expanded rubber is taken from latex. It grips the ball and releases it in catapult fashion.

Sponge in itself has many advantages for the attacking player. It makes for greater pace and a greater variety of pace. The opponent can never tell which way the ball will come as he and there is no sound as it strikes ball. It's rather upsetting when you don't get a ping in reply to your pong.

One disadvantage, and this would appear to be the only one, is that you cannot get the same control in defence. But the vast majority of players who use sponge are attacking players, and for them there are no anxieties. English players had their first real experience of the re-incarnated sponge last year when Leach and Bergmann toured Sweden.

Our two top men were repeatedly beaten by Swedish Champion Tage Flaberg, who used a sponge-faced bat. It was generally felt then, as now, that sponge is the winner rather than the player.

SAW THE LIGHT

The ETFA saw the light then, and with the World Championships just around the corner, made plans to bring Alex Ehrlich from France to coach England's team on how to play against sponge. But arrangements came unstuck. Players at the time said it would be far better to practise against English sponge-users.

Britain's top players still shy away from sponge. But a gradual trend towards it is shown by the increased sales in sponge by one of London's main sports outfitters.

For although the majority may not turn over to sponge, they must get used to playing against it. Only in this way can the psychological advantage be overcome. At the moment, the mere sight of sponge is about enough to send some players a-pinging and a-ponging.

And until players come up against sponge and get accustomed to it, there will be every chance of lesser-known players adopting sponge and breaking into the front ranks. This is even more likely in view of Victor Barna's retirement from competitive play and Richard Bergmann's exhibition tour of America.

WHAT OTHERS THINK You've heard what Rosalind and Diane Rowe think of sponge. What do other top-liners feel about this new weapon of attack? Over to them:

Victor Barna (five times World Singles Champion and winner of 16 other world titles): "Thirty years ago when I started playing table tennis I tried the sponge bat, but preferred the other type. Sponge does make for harder shots and is better for attacking players. But it is difficult to control. It does not, however, make for attractive play. Like the net-rushing game in lawn tennis, rallies are often little more than one or two shots in duration."

Johnny Leach (former World Champion and English international): "I think it would be a sign of weakness to ban the sponge bat. It should merely be discouraged. I personally find it more difficult to control my play when using one."

Jack Cartwright (Director of Coaching): "The complete stroke player would not want the bat anyway. It only seems to help the ordinary player."

Geoff Owsen (International Umpire and Referee): "I think a lot of players will take it up, especially those who favour the attacking game. They have the advantage in as much that a defender does not get the accustomed sound of his striking ball, and does not that will secondly, which to anticipate his opponent's stroke."

To sponge or not to sponge? It seems to be all a matter of ping and pong!

(London Express Service).

Melbourne Cup Acceptors

Melbourne, Oct. 28. A total of 29 acceptors was announced today for the Melbourne Cup, Australian classic horse race, to be run over two miles at Flemington Racecourse on Tuesday next. First prize is A£10,000 (£24,000).

The acceptors are: Blazing Star (9 stone 5 pounds), Gallant Archer (8/13), Advocate (8/11), Sunish (8/10), Electro (8/7), Totara (8/6), Surprise Ending (8/4), Pluto (8/1), Master Proven (8 st.), Commodore, Empathic, King Amara and Theodosius (each 7/13), Hail Past Seven (7/12), Hailion (7/11), Sir Coral (7/8), Captain Hunter and Great Performance (7/7), Prince Dolville (7/6), Spar Folly (7/4), Ruban (7/2), Gay Gamble (6/11), Sunniss (7/8), Gay Gallop, Gay Gallop and Triloch (6/12), Priscot (6/10).—Reuter.

Yorick II Wins Jockey Club Cup

Newmarket, Oct. 28. Baron Gray de Rothschild's three-year-old colt Yorick II won the Jockey Club Cup, worth £2,500 and runs over two miles, two furlongs here today. There was a photo finish for second and third places between Mr R. W. Sharple Woodcut and Mr James de Rothschild's Brilliant Green, eight furlongs. The judge placed Woodcut second and Brilliant Green third.—Reuter.

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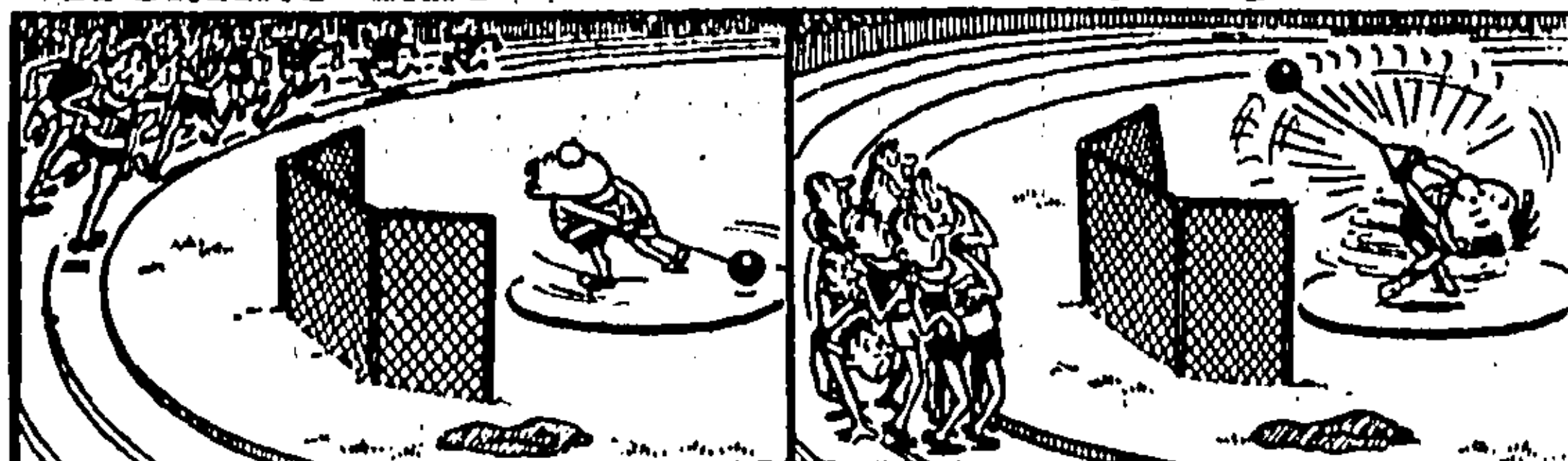
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Alarming Accident Rate In Denmark

Copenhagen, Oct. 28.

The Danish single chamber Parliament this autumn is pledging to introduce a new and comprehensive Traffic Bill to replace the present laws and regulations, which for the most part date from the beginning of the motoring age some 50 years ago.

Although Denmark is a small country with little more than 4,000,000 people and only one very large town, Copenhagen, she is, like larger lands, faced with serious traffic problems and a mounting accident rate in consequence of the phenomenal growth of motor transport since World War II.

Up to about a year ago, when the speed limits of 37½ miles an hour in the country and 25 miles an hour in the towns were abolished, Danes regarded mechanical transport as a necessary nuisance which had to be kept to a minimum.

But with the large increase of private and commercial motor vehicles and the mushroom-like multiplication of small motor bicycles, motoring is no longer regarded as "the toy of the idle rich and the profiteers," to be made as expensive as possible by taxation and to be hampered as much as possible by legislation.

LAND OF BICYCLES

Denmark is still predominantly a land of bicycles—there is nearly one for each inhabitant in Copenhagen—but they have already been to a large extent motorised.

Tens of thousands of office and factory workers, women as well as men, go to work either on low power motor bicycles or on bicycles with small motors attached. But already the latter are fast being discarded in favour of the former.

This means that they can all travel at 20 or more miles an hour.

Being faster than push bicycles and slower than cars, however, they create traffic problems of their own. Under the proposed Traffic Bill, they will be required to use the roadways in towns where traffic is necessarily slower and to ride on the cycle paths in the country, where these are practically universal.

At present, no motor bicycles under 50 c.c. are required to have number plates nor are their riders obliged to have a driving licence or to pass a driving test, although all are supposed to have third party insurance. As the machines are generally owned by the poorer classes, these exemptions will probably be maintained on democratic grounds.

Another institution which worked well enough in more leisurely days will also disappear. This was the rule that all vehicles, including bicycles, were given priority when emerging into another road from the right.

The Ministry of Justice, which has traffic problems in its care, last year encountered spirited opposition when it introduced stop signs on side roads intersecting some of the most important roads in the country.

IGNORED IN SPITE

These signs have been generally ignored in spite of spasmodic police action, followed by fines, while accidents due to vehicles of all kinds entering main roads from the right without stopping continue to rise alarmingly.

Mr. Hans Haekkerup, the Minister of Justice, has stated that he intends to press for stop signs on all roads entering the five or six principal main roads in Denmark, and there is no doubt that in time it will become the general practice to accord priority to traffic using busy roads over that coming from side roads.

Another disputed section of the Bill is the demand of the Ministry of Justice for still sharper punishment of drivers under the influence of alcohol. At present, any driver found with over 1 per cent of alcohol in his blood, whether he has been involved in an accident or not, is sent to prison for up to two months and loses his driving licence for one or more years.

ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

The Ministry's officials now want to reduce the percentage of alcohol content to 0.6 per cent, which means that a motorist who has only drunk two beers may find himself sent to prison and banned from driving.

Another feature of "the Bill," which has caused some surprise here, may make compulsory the old regulation that cyclists may not ride more than two abreast.

For anyone accustomed to the sight of Danish cyclists riding six or even more abreast, and blocking all other traffic, even that coming in the opposite direction, such a provision seems revolutionary and is certain to be hotly resisted if the police should try to enforce it.

Effective measures against jay walkers, parking on the wrong side of the road, and the non-observance of traffic lights, are also promised. At present, road users may usually ignore such provisions with impunity.

Road accidents are increasing greatly: 21 fatalities continue at the present rate; Denmark, by the end of this year, will have twice as many deaths in proportion as Great Britain, although the latter only 30 persons per thousand persons as compared with Britain's 60. Last year, the Danish Government's chief minister, Mr. Hans Haekkerup, stated that the

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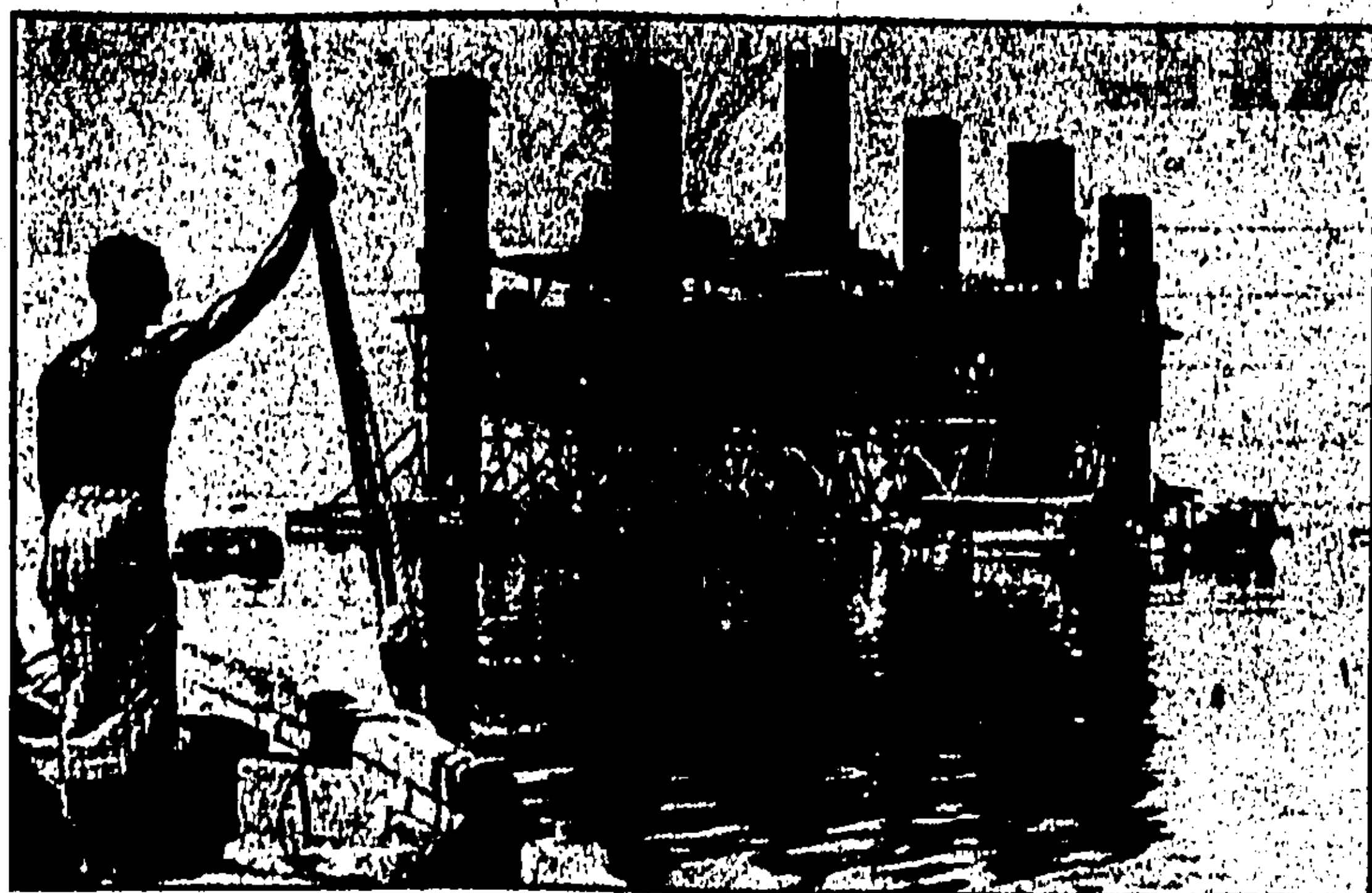
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This queer looking object is a steel "island" erected in the Persian Gulf. It serves as a platform for heavy oil drilling machinery.

Steel Oil Island In Persian Gulf

A 1,200-ton steel "island," costing £500,000, has just been set up five miles out to sea in the burning hot Persian Gulf.

It lies off the independent kingdom of Qatar, where British interests have been seeking oil. Its purpose is to provide a strong platform for carrying the bulky drilling plant in the face of the storms which often lash the coast.

The steelwork was fabricated in the Netherlands, then shipped to Doha, where the platform was erected on top of two 1,000-ton barges.

At times, the sun burnt so fiercely, that the steel had to be dipped into the sea before it could handle it. Air-cooling had to be provided in enclosed parts so that they could endure the oven-like temperature.

Then it was towed to the drilling site, 35 miles north of Doha.

There, eight heavy steel legs incorporated in the structure were lowered to the sea bed. With the aid of powerful hydraulic jacks, the platform itself was lifted onto the legs, and the pontoons were withdrawn.

The main deck of the drilling platform is 140 feet long by 90 feet wide, and about forty feet above water level. The

drilling rig can reach a depth of 7,000-8,000 feet.

There is accommodation on the "island" for two complete crews, and also storage and refrigeration facilities and air-conditioning plant.

When the first well is com-

pleted, the erection operation will be repeated in revenue.

And the platform will be towed away to a new site. If oil is struck, a smaller platform will be constructed at the site to give access and protection to the well-head fittings.

Typists Giggled And Mr Uris Was Distressed

New York, Oct. 29. New Yorkers, it seems, don't like Modern Art.

"King and Queen," a controversial work by British sculptor Henry Moore, has been taken from its stand in a Manhattan office block and put under dust covers because too many New Yorkers laughed at it.

The two figures, an over-life-size statue of thin bodies and abstract heads, now sit unseen in a warehouse, their future uncertain.

Their shroud makes them look kneller than ever.

They have been in the busy lobby of a 24-storey office building in Madison Avenue's business section. Originally commissioned by the city of Amsterdam, the statue was cast again for a New York art dealer who brought it to America for Mr Percy Uris, the President of a company occupying the offices.

Its striking and sombre outlines shocked many office workers. But it got most attention from crowds of girls and typists who would circle it and giggle during lunch hour.

"Someone hit their heads with an axe" was the favourite joke.

There also came other scathing comments and there were stories of threats by certain office tenants to leave if the King and Queen did not go.

"I came to the conclusion there was no use trying to force people to like contemporary art just because I did," Mr Uris said. "I had it hauled away to a warehouse. What distressed me were the comments I heard. When I stopped in the lobby, I had to listen to the hilarity."

In November the King and Queen may be seen again, as an exhibit at the Curt Valentin Gallery, New York.

What will happen after that no one knows.

LONDON WOOL TOP MARKET

London, Oct. 28. Wool top future market closed steady with sellers tending to lower their prices. Turnover was substantial at 19 lots. Closing prices were:

Dec.	121.10
Jan.	121.10
Feb.	121.10
Mar.	121.10
Apr.	121.10
May	121.10
June	121.10
July	121.10
Aug.	121.10
Sept.	121.10
Oct.	121.10
Nov.	121.10
Dec.	121.10

\$200 RABBIT

Johannesburg, Oct. 28. An exhibitor at the Rand Spring Show at Johannesburg was offered—and refused—£200 for a rabbit.

The four-month-old rabbit, owned by Mr R. N. Barker, came first among the record entry of 258 rabbits.

The best price paid for any rabbit at the show was only £6.10. But rabbits have become a thriving local industry. With the shortage of meat there is a greater demand for rabbit—China Mail Special.

Loudspeakers At 440 Yards

Hamilton, N.Z., Oct. 28. New Zealand's political leaders are to stage a duel in the main street of Hamilton.

Their weapons: loudspeakers at 440 yards. The "challenge" arose from an unforeseen clash in their election itineraries, bringing the Prime Minister, Mr S. G. Hooper, and the leader of the Opposition, Mr Nash, to Hamilton the same night.

Mr Holland will speak at the 1,000-seat Embassy Theatre while Mr Nash outlines Labour policy at the State Theatre a quarter of a mile away. Both will use wide-range public microphones and loudspeaker networks booming down the street.

The Hamilton double feature is the only time the two leaders' electoral bandwagons cross—China Mail Special.

NEW YORK WOOL TOP MARKET

New York, Oct. 28. Wool top futures closed 15 to 20 points lower. Closing prices:

Dec.	121.10
Jan.	121.10
Feb.	121.10
Mar.	121.10
Apr.	121.10
May	121.10
June	121.10
July	121.10
Aug.	121.10
Sept.	121.10
Oct.	121.10
Nov.	121.10
Dec.	121.10

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

GATT MEETING

Japan's Application Will Be Considered Today

From Our Own Correspondent

Geneva, Oct. 28.

The 34 countries of GATT will be asked tomorrow to approve Japan's application to hold tariff negotiations with a view to becoming a full member.

"Go ahead" signals are expected to be given without a vote. In fact, GATT officials are treating the matter as a bare formality.

The Japanese delegation at tomorrow's plenary session will be led by the London Ambassador, Mr Shunichi Matsumoto, who is due to arrive here by air from London only an hour or two before the conference considers Japan's application.

Mr Toru Higuchi, the Japanese Minister to Bern, who is heading the delegation until Mr Matsumoto arrives, told me today that 10 countries have accepted Japan's invitation to negotiate for the exchange of tariff concessions. Others are expected to accept shortly. But Britain, Australia and one or two other countries are holding back. Japan, said Mr Higuchi, is preparing requests for tariff reductions. These will be submitted to countries who have agreed to negotiate and they in turn will present lists of goods for which they wish to secure tariff concessions from Japan.

Mr Higuchi was confident that Japan will become a full member of GATT some time next year. "But," he added, "I have no idea of the sort of GATT it will be by then or on what terms we will be admitted to it."

ASSURANCES

The Japanese delegation is still in the dark about the attitude Britain will take towards their accession to the Agreement. They are hoping Premier Yoshida succeeded in convincing the British Government during his visit to London that Japanese membership to GATT would not endanger British trading interests.

Mr Higuchi gave a similar assurance to Mr Cyril Sanders, Board of Trade Adviser on Commercial Relations and senior member of the British delegation to GATT, at private talks this morning.

In Geneva Mr Matsumoto will try to ensure that Japan's application has the fullest support. He will impress on members

that although it is now more than two years since diplomatic relations between Japan and the West were re-established their commercial relations have still not been "normalised."

The GATT session opened today with a speech by the ex-Chairman, Mr L. Dana Wilgress, of Canada. Referring to the forthcoming review of the Agreement he said: "If we cannot succeed in our main objectives of reinforcing GATT the result might very well be anarchy in world trade and economic nationalism would become rampant."

U.S. VIEWS

The United States has already circulated its views on the future of GATT to member countries. It has given notice that it will be asking for the abolition of all quota restrictions on imports. It wants GATT to have a permanent organization which would be closely linked with the International Monetary Fund and will ask for a branch office to be set up in Washington to facilitate co-operation between the two organizations.

America will also propose a revision of Clause 28 which lays down procedure for the unilateral withdrawal of previously negotiated tariff concessions and has indicated that it will be prepared to negotiate on the vexed question of export subsidies on farm products.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Oct. 28.

Cotton prices today opened lower and remained on the defensive for the rest of the day. Closing on the lows for the day the list was down 15 to 17 points net. The market opened off 2 to 6 points. New Orleans closed off 5 to 15 points.

A more favourable view of crop prospects, along with the disappointingly slow development of textile buying and overhanging hedge pressure kept any rallying tendencies smothered.

With the absence of any killing frost, crop students thought "the plant is still making cotton," and that the Government's estimate, scheduled for Nov. 8, is apt to show an increase of the 12,155,000 bales indicated four weeks ago.

Producer entries under the loan programme for the week ended Oct. 22 totalled 91,050 bales, the largest for any week this season. The net stock of 1954 crop cotton held by the commodity Credit Corp. was 405,013 bales, plus 5,093,925 bales from the 1953 crop.

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.50
Dec.	34.43
Mar.	33.77
May	33.00
Jul.	32.10
Oct.	31.75
Dec.	31.75
Mar.	31.75

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	32.50
Dec.	31.50
Mar.	30.75
May	30.00
Jul.	29.10
Oct.	28.75
Dec.	28.75
Mar.	28.75

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, American middling cotton, 15/16 inch, in price per lb. were as follows:

Dec./Jan.	32.11
Mar./Apr.	31.20
May/June	30.30
July/Aug.	29.40
Sept./Oct.	28.50
Nov./Dec.	27.60
Jan./Feb.	26.70
Mar./Apr.	25.80
May/June	24.90
July/Aug.	24.00
Sept./Oct.	23.10
Nov./Dec.	22.20
Jan./Feb.	21.30
Mar./Apr.	20.40
May/June	19.50
July/Aug.	18.60
Sept./Oct.	17.70
Nov./Dec.	16.80
Jan./Feb.	15.90
Mar./Apr.	15.00
May/June	14.10
July/Aug.	13.20
Sept./Oct.	12.30
Nov./Dec.	11.40
Jan./Feb.	10.50
Mar./Apr.	9.60
May/June	8.70
July/Aug.	7.80
Sept./Oct.	6.90
Nov./Dec.	6.00
Jan./Feb.	5.10
Mar./Apr.	4.20
May/June	3.30
July/Aug.	2.40
Sept./Oct.	1.50
Nov./Dec.	0.60
Jan./Feb.	-0.30
Mar./Apr.	-1.20
May/June	-2.10
July/Aug.	-3.00
Sept./Oct.	-3.90
Nov./Dec.	-4.80
Jan./Feb.	-5.70
Mar./Apr.	-6.60
May/June	-7.50
July/Aug.	-8.40
Sept./Oct.	-9.30
Nov./Dec.	-10.20
Jan./Feb.	-11.10
Mar./Apr.	-12.00
May/June	-12.90
July/Aug.	-13.80
Sept./Oct.	-14.70
Nov./Dec.	-15.60
Jan./Feb.	-16.50
Mar./Apr.	-17.40
May/June	-18.30
July/Aug.	-19.20
Sept./Oct.	-20.10
Nov./Dec.	-21.00
Jan./Feb.	-21.90
Mar./Apr.	-22.80
May/June	-23.70
July/Aug.	-24.60
Sept./Oct.	-25.50
Nov./Dec.	-26.40
Jan./Feb.	-27.30
Mar./Apr.	-28.20
May/June	-29.10
July/Aug.	-30.00
Sept./Oct.	-30.90
Nov./Dec.	-31.80
Jan./Feb.	-32.70
Mar./Apr.	-33.60
May/June	-34.50
July/Aug.	-35.40
Sept./Oct.	-36.30
Nov./Dec.	-37.20
Jan./Feb.	-38.10
Mar./Apr.	-39.00
May/June	-39.90
July/Aug.	-40.80
Sept./Oct.	-41.70
Nov./Dec.	-42.60
Jan./Feb.	-43.50
Mar./Apr.	-44.40
May/June	-45.30
July/Aug.	-46.20
Sept./Oct.	-47.10
Nov./Dec.	-48.00
Jan./Feb.	-48.90
Mar./Apr.	-49.80
May/June	-50.70
July/Aug.	-51.60
Sept./Oct.	-52.50
Nov./Dec.	-53.40
Jan./Feb.	-54.30
Mar./Apr.	-55.20
May/June	-56.10
July/Aug.	-57.00
Sept./Oct.	-57.90
Nov./Dec.	-58.80
Jan./Feb.	-59.70
Mar./Apr.	-60.60
May/June	-61.50
July/Aug.	-62.40
Sept./Oct.	-63.30
Nov./Dec.	-64.20
Jan./Feb.	-65.10
Mar./Apr.	-66.00
May/June	-66.90
July/Aug.	-67.80
Sept./Oct.	-68.70
Nov./Dec.	-69.60
Jan./Feb.	-70.50
Mar./Apr.	-71.40
May/June	-72.30
July/Aug.	-73.20
Sept./Oct.	-74.10
Nov./Dec.	-75.00
Jan./Feb.	-75.90
Mar./Apr.	-76.80
May/June	-77.70
July/Aug.	-78.60
Sept./Oct.	-79.50
Nov./Dec.	-80.40
Jan./Feb.	-81.30
Mar./Apr.	-82.20
May/June	-83.10
July/Aug.	-84.00
Sept./Oct.	-84.90
Nov./Dec.	-85.80
Jan./Feb.	-86.70
Mar./Apr.	-87.60
May/June	-88.50
July/Aug.	-89.40
Sept./Oct.	-90.30
Nov./Dec.	-91.20
Jan./Feb.	-92.10
Mar./Apr.	-93.00
May/June	-93.90
July/Aug.	-94.80
Sept./Oct.	-95.70
Nov./Dec.	-96.60
Jan./Feb.	-97.50
Mar./Apr.	-98.40
May/June	-99.30
July/Aug.	-100.20
Sept./Oct.	-101.10
Nov./Dec.	-102.00
Jan./Feb.	-102.90
Mar./Apr.	-103.80
May/June	-104.70
July/Aug.	-105.60
Sept./Oct.	-106.50
Nov./Dec.	-107.40
Jan./Feb.	-108.30
Mar./Apr.	-109.20
May/June	-110.10
July/Aug.	-111.00
Sept./Oct.	-111.90
Nov./Dec.	-112.80
Jan./Feb.	-113.70
Mar./Apr.	-114.60
May/June	-115.50
July/Aug.	-116.40
Sept./Oct.	-117.30
Nov./Dec.	-118.20
Jan./Feb.	-119.10
Mar./Apr.	-120.00
May/June	-120.90
July/Aug.	-121.80
Sept./Oct.	-122.70
Nov./Dec.	-123.60
Jan./Feb.	-124.50
Mar./Apr.	-125.40
May/June	-126.30
July/Aug.	-127.20
Sept./Oct.	-128.10
Nov./Dec.	-129.00
Jan./Feb.	-129.90
Mar./Apr.	-130.80
May/June	-131.70
July/Aug.	-132.60
Sept./Oct.	-133.50
Nov./Dec.	-134.40
Jan./Feb.	-135.30
Mar./Apr.	-136.20
May/June	-137.10
July/Aug.	-138.00
Sept./Oct.	-138.90
Nov./Dec.	-139.80
Jan./Feb.	-140.70
Mar./Apr.	-141.60
May/June	-142.50
July/Aug.	-143.40
Sept./Oct.	-144.30
Nov./Dec.	-145.20
Jan./Feb.	-146.10
Mar./Apr.	-147.00
May/June	-147.90
July/Aug.	-148.80
Sept./Oct.	-149.70
Nov./Dec.	-150.60
Jan./Feb.	-151.50
Mar./Apr.	-152.40
May/June	-153.30
July/Aug.	-154.20
Sept./Oct.	-155.10
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May/June	-158.70
July/Aug.	-159.60
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Nov./Dec.	-161.40
Jan./Feb.	-162.30
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May/June	-164.10
July/Aug.	-165.00
Sept./Oct.	-165.90
Nov./Dec.	-166.80
Jan./Feb.	-167.70
Mar./Apr.	-168.60
May/June	-169.50
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Sept./Oct.	-171.30
Nov./Dec.	-172.20
Jan./Feb.	-173.10
Mar./Apr.	-174.00
May/June	-174.90
July/Aug.	-175.80
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Nov./Dec.	-177.60
Jan./Feb.	-178.50
Mar./Apr.	-179.40
May/June	-180.30
July/Aug.	-181.20
Sept./Oct.	-182.10
Nov./Dec.	-183.00
Jan./Feb.	-183.90
Mar./Apr.	-184.80
May/June	-185.70
July/Aug.	-186.60
Sept./Oct.	-187.50
Nov./Dec.	-188.40
Jan./Feb.	-189.30
Mar./Apr.	-190.20
May/June	-191.10
July/Aug.	-192.00
Sept./Oct.	-192.90
Nov./Dec.	-193.80
Jan./Feb.	-194.70
Mar./Apr.	-195.60
May/June	-196.50
July/Aug.	-197.40
Sept./Oct.	-198.30
Nov./Dec.	-199.20
Jan./Feb.	-200.10
Mar./Apr.	-201.00
May/June	-201.90
July/Aug.	-202.80
Sept./Oct.	-203.70
Nov./Dec.	-204.60
Jan./Feb.	-205.50
Mar./Apr.	-206.40
May/June	-207.30
July/Aug.	-208.20
Sept./Oct.	-209.10
Nov./Dec.	-210.00
Jan./Feb.	-210.90
Mar./Apr.	-211.80
May/June	-212.70

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Macao Grand Prix Course

Loose Bolt Found On Comet

London, Oct. 28. A court of inquiry was told today that on the day before a Comet airliner crashed in the Mediterranean last April 22, quarter inch bolts on its port wing were found to be loose.

The panel to which they were attached had been taken off during a routine check at London airport just over a week before.

The panel had not been properly refitted, Mr. Ede Newton, chief investigation officer of the Ministry of Civil Aviation Accident Branch, told the inquiry.

The loose bolts were found by an engineer at Rome airport where the panel was correctly refitted before the plane took off to disaster.

British Overseas Airways had taken disciplinary action against the maintenance and inspection personnel responsible for the loose bolts.

The inquiry on its sixth day is investigating the loss of two Comets in the Mediterranean this year, which led to the fleet being grounded.—Reuter.

U.S. Comment On Vietnam Action

Washington, Oct. 28. The United States declared today that the Communist military regime in North Vietnam would be guilty of "flagrant violation" of the Indochina truce if it forced the Chinese to leave.

Hanoi is in the northern part of Vietnam which is now occupied by the Communists.

Mr. Henry Syddam, State Department Press officer, said the American Consulate in Hanoi had not been asked by Communist Vietnamese forces to leave.

But he said, "It is obvious that we cannot maintain it if the military regime in North Vietnam forces us out."

Mr. Syddam made his statement in answer to questions about news dispatches that the Red-led Vietnamese authorities in Hanoi had refused to recognize the United States Consulate in Hanoi.—United Press.

Last Night's Concert

The Sino-British Music Group gave its first chamber music concert of the season last night at the Grantham Training College.

A critique will appear in tomorrow's China Mail.

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Eisenhower, Adenauer Issue Communique On Talks

Washington, Oct. 28. President Dwight Eisenhower and the West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today hailed the recent agreements between West Germany and France as a particularly encouraging step toward lasting peace.

The two government chiefs also expressed agreement that the reunification of Germany must be achieved by peaceful means.

There were two of the points made in a joint communique issued after talks between Eisenhower and Adenauer, who is on an official state visit.

Other highlights of the communique were:

1. The President assured Dr. Adenauer that the United States would support efforts to obtain liberation of the greatest possible number of German military and civilian prisoners still held in the Soviet Union.
2. The President and the Chancellor exchanged views on the latest Soviet note concerning European security and the German and Austrian questions.

SERIOUS SITUATION

"During this morning's conference, we reviewed the decision taken at London and Paris and we are convinced that with the coming into effect of the agreements signed this past weekend, the road towards a strong and united Europe will have been paved."

"We view the understanding reached between the governments of France and the Federal Republic of Germany as an especially encouraging step toward lasting peace in continental Europe. This understanding was greatly furthered by the commitment on the part of the United Kingdom to maintain forces on the continent. The basis for a European community has thus been established."

"I continued interests in a support of this community in continental Europe. This understanding was greatly furthered by the commitment on the part of the United Kingdom to maintain forces on the continent. The basis for a European community has thus been established."

"We particularly addressed ourselves to the question of German reunification. The demand for a reunited Germany in freedom is viewed by the United States as the legitimate demand of the German people. We are agreed that this aim shall be achieved only by peaceful means. We are convinced of the necessity of continued efforts towards this goal and we are agreed that such efforts will be made by the United States and the German people."

Hongkong 'Nylon' Shirts Were Rayon: U.K. Firm Fined

London, Oct. 28.

A London firm, which sold rayon shirts bought from Hongkong as nylon, was fined £25 here today and ordered to pay £100 costs for applying a false trade description to the articles.

The firm, the Pollan Trading Company of Wandour Street, pleaded guilty to all four summonses.

Mr. Michael Eastman, prosecuting, said "misleading trade descriptions are very prevalent at the moment in the case of goods from the Far East and other countries."

Appointments And Promotions

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Mr. Henry Harris and Mrs. Kwong Lau Lal-yin, to be Inspectors of Schools. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Other appointments were, Mr. Alan Hugh Salisbury, Miss Rita Digby and Mr. Henry Harris to Education Officers, (the first two on probation), and Mr. James Roberts Whitaker, as Engineer, Public Works Department.

Mr. Stanley H. J. Marvin has been appointed an Electrical Inspector, Class I, Dr. H. S. Rassim, Acting Senior Radiologist.

Pilot Officer J. W. Ferris of the HKAAP has been promoted to Flying Officer with effect from September 9.

His Excellency has approved the confirmation of the following to permanent and pensionable establishment:

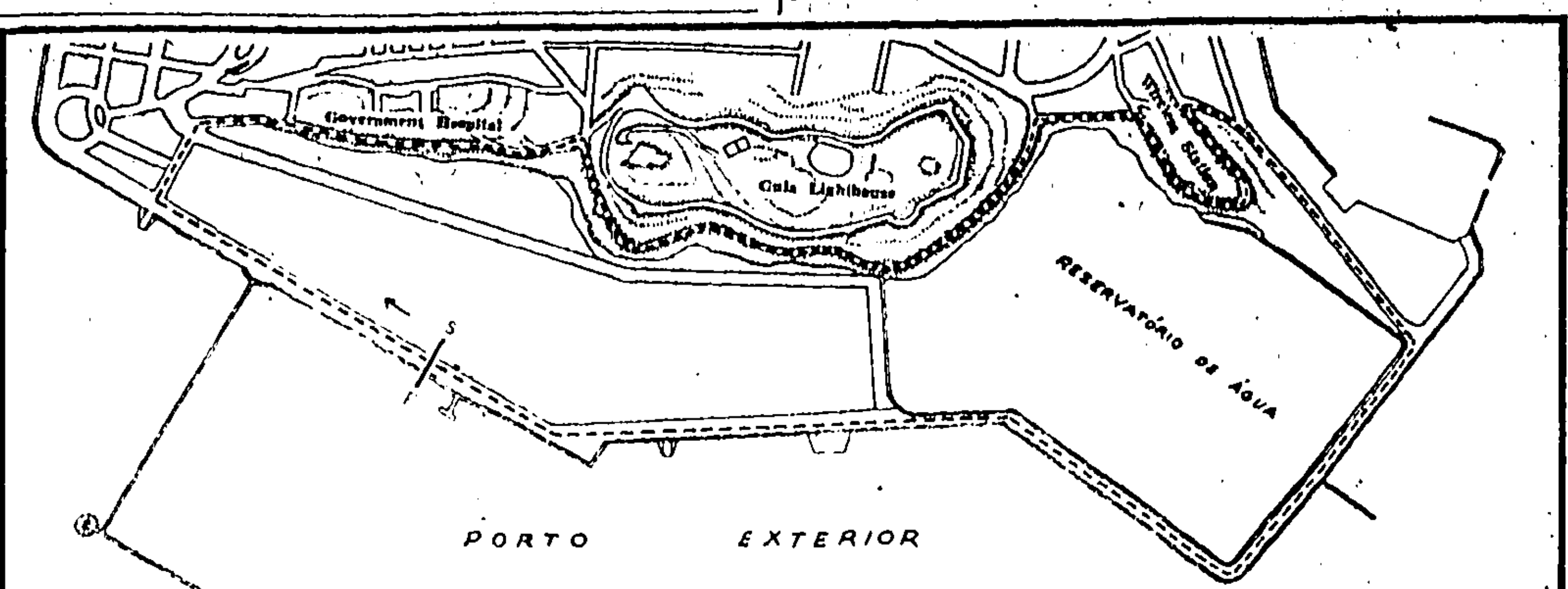
Mr. J. A. Hallam, Air Traffic Control Officer, Grade II, Miss M. G. Richards, Education Officer, and Mr. P. F. Kearney, Building Surveyor.

Death Of Bundestag President

Oldenburg, Oct. 28. Dr. Hermann Ehlers, 50-year-old President of the West German Bundestag, (Lower House) died early today.

Dr. Ehlers was admitted to hospital on Wednesday with a throat infection.

Surgery had operated on him last night to ease his breathing. They said in a bulletin later his condition was "very serious."



The dotted lines show the course the cars will take at the Macao Grand Prix on Sunday. George Liu, our special representative covering the event says:

History will be made on Sunday, when Rear-Admiral J. M. Esparteiro, Governor of Macao, starts 19 cars on the first lap of the Macao Grand Prix—the first motor race ever to be held on the China Coast. Tomorrow afternoon in Macao, 24 drivers will

participate in the Speed Regularity Trials, an event patterned after the Elimination Trials in the Monte Carlo and Lisbon Races. Here the cars will be started off in groups of six, after a preliminary circuit of the track the drivers will roar around four more times as fast as they can.

The winner of the S.R.T. will be the driver who not only maintains the fastest speed, but also the one who can keep up a constant speed in every lap.

Promptly at noon on Sunday, the 19 cars—17 of which are Hongkong entries, will scramble away in exciting Le Mans type start from the white line of the four-mile Guia Circuit to begin a gruelling four-hour race.

The winner of the GP will be the driver with the most miles to his credit after that time. He will be followed by class winners—classes being divided according to the cubic capacities of the engines.

On Sunday evening there will be an official ball and dinner, when the trophies will be presented.

Those in Hongkong who would like to see the Grand Prix, are reminded that there is a special sailing schedule on Sunday. The ss Fatshan will sail for the Portuguese Colony at 8 a.m. and the ss Takshing will make the return trip at 6 p.m.—thus giving the public ample time to see the race and return home for the night.

Lattimore Case British PCs DID Help U.S.

London, Oct. 28.

The Home Secretary, Gwilym Lloyd George, told the House of Commons today that British police, acting on their own, had helped American officials seek evidence here in the Owen Lattimore case but that it would not happen again "in any comparable case" without "high-level" clearance.

Replying to a question by several Members of Parliament who wanted to know how much the British police had helped the U.S. government prepare its perjury prosecution against the American professor, Mr. Lloyd George said help had been given.

London Metropolitan Police had considered it "the investigation of a criminal charge" of the type in which they are accustomed to aiding other nations voluntarily, he said.

"The action taken by the Metropolitan police in this case was so much regarded as a routine response to a request for help from the police of another country in the investigation of a criminal charge that the matter was not brought to the personal notice of the Commissioner of Police of the metropolis nor was the matter reported to the Home Office," said Mr. Lloyd George.—United Press.

Firm And Partner Declared Bankrupt: Debtor Absconds

A petition that Weaver Woo and Co., and Weaver Shojee Hsu, partner thereof, be adjudged bankrupt was granted by Mr Justice T. J. Gould, acting Chief Justice, in the Bankruptcy Court this morning. The Court was informed that the debtor had absconded from the Colony.

The petition was made by Mr. W. K. Thomson on behalf of the Official Receiver. Mr. Thomson said the matter before the Court had been long outstanding and in fact dated from 1947.

He submitted to the Court the report of the Official Receiver which mentioned, inter alia, that a receiving order had been made against Weaver Woo and Co., and Weaver Shojee Hsu on October 28, 1947, and at the first meeting of creditors held on September 28, 1948, a resolution was passed that a sum of \$17,000 offered as a compromise by the partners, (former partners of Hsu who had retired from the partnership on August 1, 1947) be accepted.

The resolution was that this sum be distributed proportionately among all creditors, irrespective of the dates on which these debts arose. Mr. Thomson pointed out that the resolution was not binding upon creditors who were not present. The report further said that the earlier receiving order did not affect the other partners and they were entitled to be

dismissed from the petition. Mr. Thomson declared that the first act of bankruptcy committed was on September 13, 1947, and the other five partners of Hsu had retired from the partnership on August 1, 1947, and gave notice of this in the Government Gazette on August 8, 1947.

His Lordship observed that a receiving order had been made against the other five partners, by consent, on November 16, 1947.

Mr. P. C. Woo, of Messrs P. C. Woo and Co., appeared for the other five partners, Messrs Woo Sung-kwei, Nin Kee, Ngau Kee, Chan Kee and Wong Tsun-ki, and applied for rescission of the receiving order made against them and for their dismissal from the petition.

Mr. Woo said that when he was served with a copy of the Official Receiver's report he did not recollect that a receiving order had been made against his clients. After the receiving order had been made against Weaver Woo and Co., and Weaver Shojee Hsu, Counsel had negotiated with Mr. M. A. da Silva, acting on behalf of the petitioning creditor, Chuen Chong Hong, and it was agreed that the sum of \$17,000 should be paid to him and that the five persons Mr. Woo represented be released from the proceedings.

RECEIVING ORDER

Unfortunately, said Mr. Woo, his clients did not have the money at the time and it was agreed that a receiving order should be made against them and that they could subsequently apply for its rescission.

His Lordship observed that the petitioning creditor was not present in Court and said he did not think he could go on in his absence.

Mr. Woo said he had served both Mr. Silva and the Official Receiver with copies of his petition. Apparently the petitioning creditor had not seen it to appear, but Counsel did not think his position would be prejudiced by his absence. In fact, he added, since payment of the \$17,000 to him, petitioning creditor was no longer interested in his clients.

Mr. Thomson informed the Court that the money was in the hands of the Official Receiver, to whom it had been passed by Mr. Silva.

Mr. Woo's application was granted and the Court directed that the \$17,000 be refunded to Mr. Silva as the petitioning creditor, the creditors entitled to the money.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Sponsored Justice

WILKIE'S job was, for a long time, one that brought him often to the courts. He was a kind of ambassador—at large for places of entertainment in the West End. Or, to use the cruder phrase the police employ, he was a tout for near-beer clubs.

Regularly the police, seeing Wilkie at work, noting the annoyance of some of those he invited to sample the club's delights, arrested him on the charge of using insulting behaviour. Regularly he was charged, fined, and set free again.

HIS COMMISSION

THE policeman watched him persuade a lonely serviceman into a shadowy side-street doorway that was the entrance to a club. They watched the tout emerge, looking pleased with himself, earning the 6s.-per-guest commission he received. They heard him approach a passing group of men and say: "Hey, gals, want a good club, with wonderful drinks and women? They heard the muttered threats Wilkie received in reply. They arrested him.

So far, events had pursued their normal course. It was when Wilkie was shown into the dock at Bow Street later in the morning that the change from normal came. For he pleaded not guilty.

DRINK AND DANCE

THE police told their story to Mr. E. G. Robey, and towards the end of it, one of them said: "In the prisoner's possession were 63 of these club cards. They are all identical." The magistrate read aloud from a specimen card: "Drink and dance at the night at the Club." He raised his eyebrows and turned to Wilkie. "Do you want to give evidence?" he asked.

"I want an adjournment," Wilkie said with dignity. "I have an important witness I wish to call."

PROFIT SHARING

A YOUNG man took the oath and said that "though he was no more than an acquaintance of Wilkie, he did remember her sharing a table at a fish-bar with him on the night and around the time the police claimed Wilkie had been under observation."

"Thank you," said Wilkie. "Now I wish to give evidence myself. I don't doubt any longer," he said, when the brief formalities were over. "I keep these cards (I have 100 in my pocket now) to give restaurants for their customers. For every card that is presented at the club, I get 2s. 6d., and the restaurant gets the same." He turned to the magistrate. "Let's say you're a restaurateur," he said. "You have people who say they want a nice time."

THE PLUG

WILKIE drew a deep breath, and half-turned towards the public gallery. "I tell you," he said, "you can have a real good time at the Club, and not too expensive. It's a real nice place. You mustn't advertise the club here," the magistrate said. "With a sign, Wilkie switched off the sales-talk. "I done no totting that night," he said. "That's all."

Correction

In an article in the China Mail of October 22, it was stated that Mr. J. A. Hallam, Air Traffic Control Officer, Grade II, Miss M. G. Richards, Education Officer, and Mr. P. F. Kearney, Building Surveyor.